

37 Group Testimony Opposing HB1572
House Environment & Transportation Committee
March 10, 2026

Position: UNFAVORABLE

Don't trash the Reclaim Renewable Energy Act!

Dear Chair and Members of the Committee,

The undersigned **37 organizations** urge you to oppose HB1572. This bill would undo last year's Reclaim Renewable Energy Act by re-adding "waste-to-energy" to Maryland's RPS.

Maryland's experience with waste-to-energy technology is toxic. A decade ago, communities in Baltimore City, Frederick County, and Carroll County fought off new waste-to-energy trash incinerators that would have polluted our air and water and soaked up millions of ratepayer dollars. Communities in Baltimore City and Montgomery County are still stuck now fighting polluting incinerators built decades ago, incinerators that when they were built were greenwashed as environmentally friendly. Right now, a community in Howard County is fighting a new so-called "chemical recycling" project that will pollute their air.

[Maryland energy ratepayers wasted \\$100,000,000](#) between 2012 and 2022 subsidizing waste-to-energy, and the General Assembly made the right decision in 2025 by *entirely* removing waste-to-energy from the RPS. Let's not move backwards by passing HB1572.

Sincerely,

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