

## Testimony For HB0066

Honorable Delegates

Please enter a favorable report for HB0066.

I support requiring the Governor to withdraw the State from participation in the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative.

Because of this initiative, Maryland erroneously decided that its reliance on traditional forms of electricity supply entrenches the State's dependence on fossil fuels, working against the State's policy of decreasing greenhouse gas production. Our power plants using coal and natural gas were closed prematurely as the anticipated power from Solar and Wind sources did not compensate for the loss of power from these closed plants.

Consequently, we can no longer produce enough electricity to meet our needs. Increasing demand with a dwindling supply has driven up energy costs. Also, we must pay more delivery fees to import energy from neighboring states such as Pennsylvania. We are now at risk for brownouts because of the short sided decision to close these power plants.

It is imperative that we undo the damage from the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative , so please enter a favorable report for HB0033.

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