

## **2022 Maryland General Assembly Climate Justice Resolution:**

**WHEREAS**, Increasing Maryland's Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS) to 100% renewable electricity would support new high-paying Maryland jobs, and increase GDP.

**WHEREAS**, Maryland is a coastal state with 3,000 miles of tidal shoreline, making us one of the most vulnerable states in America to sea-level rise.

**WHEREAS**, Race is the #1 indicator of placement of toxic facilities. Minority and low-income communities are overburdened by air and water pollution from energy generation and are underserved by the benefits of climate action. Poor air quality leads to over 100,000 deaths in the U.S. each year, but BIPOC communities are 79% more likely to live near air pollution sources. Due to continuous exposure to toxic emissions, these communities are at greater risk of cancer, neurological issues, heart and respiratory illness, with black children being 500% more likely to die of asthma. In Baltimore City, home of BRESKO, the rate of asthma emergency rate visits is 2.5 times higher than the Maryland average.

**WHEREAS**, Trash incineration emits pollution that creates a public health crisis. Incineration facilities such as Baltimore City's BRESKO plant emit high levels of health-hazardous air pollution, harm water, and soil quality, contribute to respiratory, cardiovascular, and other ailments, and add to climate disruption.

**WHEREAS**, Maryland should enact policies that incentivize new and clean sources of renewable energy that reduce greenhouse gasses and other hazardous air and water pollution while preventing harm and committing equitable investment in environmental justice (EJ) communities.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the undersigned candidate for Maryland General Assembly supports:

- Setting a legislative goal in 2023 of 100% carbon-pollution-free electricity in Maryland by 2035, with an interim goal of 80% by 2030 and removing incentives for the incineration of trash in Maryland's Renewable Portfolio Standard.
- Ensuring that at least 40% of all clean energy and climate investments/benefits accrue to historically disadvantaged communities in Maryland, per the policy embraced by the US Department of Energy. We must address climate change while repairing harm suffered by overburdened and under-served black, indigenous, and people of color (BIPOC) and other working-class communities.
- Increasing access to public transit and green transportation alternatives, particularly in overburdened, under-served communities. Providing support for the transition of low-income neighborhoods to renewable energy sources while ensuring economic benefits are realized by residents.

– Including prevailing wages and project labor agreements for the construction of utility-scale clean energy projects (5 megawatts or larger). A key component of climate change equity must ensure that jobs in the clean energy economy are good jobs with family-supporting wages, health care, retirement security, and collective bargaining rights, including registered union apprenticeship opportunities.

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