



still be 30% lower than they have been historically. Montgomery County residents will still be paying 30% less than they did for waste disposal even if subsidies are removed, because the county will no longer pay a debt service for the facility.

Passing the Clean Energy Jobs Act would not shut down incinerators. Incineration facilities like BRESKO in Baltimore and the Dickerson incinerator in Montgomery County were able to operate in Maryland for decades before its addition into the RPS, and they would continue operating even without the RPS subsidies. Rather, this bill would remove unfair financial incentives that allow polluting sources to continue to operate unchecked, leveling the playing field for cleaner energy sources to thrive.

## The Path Forward: Three Ways to Take Out the Trash in Maryland's Clean Energy Policy

- Pass House Bill 961, which would remove incineration from the Renewable Portfolio Standard.
- Pass Senate Bill 548, which would remove incineration from the Renewable Portfolio Standard.
- Pass Senate Bill 516, the "Clean Energy Jobs Act," which would double the state's RPS while removing incineration as a qualifying resource.

A growing number of counties and cities across the country have switched to other means of waste removal, reuse and disposal. Some are achieving rates of 85% or higher for recycling and reuse, with a resultant sharp reduction in the burning or landfilling of waste.

Removing subsidies for waste to energy incineration would incentivize investments in wind energy in our state by freeing up 500MW of REC revenue that would go to waste incineration. A 500MW wind farm would create 400 permanent jobs and over 2,000 construction jobs in the areas near the wind farm. Maryland's General Assembly will be voting on the Clean Energy Jobs Act this legislative session. If passed, this bill will remove public subsidies for trash incinerators like BRESKO and direct more money toward the development of clean energy like wind and solar in our state. For Maryland, the Clean Energy Jobs Act is an important step toward a zero-waste future powered by 100% renewable energy.

