

Testimony of

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In support of

The Clean Energy DC Omnibus Amendment Act of 2018 (B22-0904)

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Committee on Transportation and Environment
District of Columbia City Council

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My name is Marchant Wentworth, I am principal, Wentworth Green Strategies. I appear before you to express my strong support for the Clean Energy DC Omnibus Amendment Act and urge the members of this Committee to act promptly to move it towards enactment.

Critics of this bill may attempt to discredit this legislation by asserting that the bill is not needed because the District's contribution to global warming emissions is trivial. They are missing the point. While this bill does achieve almost half of the carbon reductions called for in the Mayor's DC Clean Energy Place, naysayers seem oblivious to the wave of support for clean energy solutions in cities and states through the nation. This bill serves as proof that the District can maintain its leadership in curbing carbon and serves as a model to others in this effort. Moreover, the bill reduces a lot more than carbon. Indeed, in a city on the edge of nonattainment for ozone air pollution, this bill would reduce the emissions of NOx and other emissions known to be precursors to the formation of ozone. And ozone is a known trigger for asthma attacks, a condition that affecting thousands of Washingtonians, particularly those low and middle income families in Wards 5, 6, 7 and 8. While some of these precursors travel to us from elsewhere, reducing these home grown emissions can help improve the respiratory health of thousands of District residents.