

Renewable Energy Must Be Mandated

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To have a healthy future and more jobs, Virginia needs to stand strong in assuring that our utility companies get their energy to make electricity from renewable sources like wind and sun.

There is now a voluntary plan for that to happen where the utilities agree to get a certain percentage of their energy from renewable sources. This is called a RES (renewable energy standard) or RPS (renewable portfolio standard).

Please tell Gov. Bob McDonnell we need a mandatory RES. This will send a clear message to wind and solar power investors that they can invest and build in Virginia. It gives reliable backing that their products will be used by the utility companies.

The coal industry is trying to keep the RES voluntary. That is good for them but not us. Only our voices will change this. Virginians will get cleaner air, improved health and more jobs.

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