

Committee: House Economic Matters

Legislation: HB 0934 Prohibiting Gas Leaf Blowers

Requiring a person that sells or offers for sale a gasoline-powered leaf blower in the State to notify the purchaser or potential purchaser that, beginning January 1, 2025, a person may not use a gasoline-powered leaf blower in the State; prohibiting the sale or offering for sale of gasoline-powered leaf blowers in the State beginning January 1, 2024; and prohibiting the use of gasoline-powered leaf blowers in the State beginning January 1, 2025.

Organization: Environmental Justice Ministry Cedar Lane Unitarian Universalist Church

Position: Favorable

Hearing: February 25, 2022

Dear Committee Chair and Committee Members,

Cedar Lane's Environmental Justice Ministry supports HB 0934 fully as it has been discovered that the amount of carbon emissions from gas leaf blowers is much higher than originally thought. This is an important step forward in reducing greenhouse gas emissions throughout the state to meet our legislative emission reduction goals. As a people of faith that holds the inherent worth and dignity of every person, clean air and a safe and healthy environment is the right of every individual. Further, the noise level of most gas blowers is a huge issue for many people. Most contractors and landscapers are supportive of this bill in Montgomery County.

Please vote favorably for HB 0934.

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