

Maryland General Assembly

February 23, 2022

RE: Opposition to HB0934

To Whom It May Concern:

The owners and officers of Carroll Tree Service, Inc. unanimously oppose any restriction on our ability to purchase or use gasoline powered leaf blowers. Carroll Tree Service owns approximately 20 leaf blowers valued at approximately \$400.00 each, resulting in a replacement cost of approximately \$8,000.00. In addition, Carroll Tree Service would experience other difficult to quantify increased costs.

These would include, but not be limited to, the following:

- Increased time to clean customer properties based on a decrease in power associated with electric blowers.
- Increased costs to maintain additional batteries to have on hand for each crew so that work can be completed when batteries charges are exhausted.
- Increased costs associated with disposing of batteries properly.
- Increased costs associated with maintain charging capabilities in house as well as in the field.

As such, Carroll Tree Service, Inc. requests that each member vote no on this issue.

Sincerely,

President, Owner

Chief Financial Officer

Vice President, Owner