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Linda Foley and other politicians focused on banning gas powered leaf blowers in the State of Maryland,

Our extended family has owned our home in Trappe, Maryland since 1976. We have seen changes over the years, but one of the most obvious and disruptive changes is the use of gas powered leaf blowers and their obnoxious and penetrating noises. These machines and their low frequency noises are extremely loud and can easily penetrate through the walls of our home. Because of this, these machines have significantly reduced the quality of life for our family. We understand the electric and battery powered blowers are much less loud, so we know that alternative machines exist to do the same job. And we understand that Hawaii has already banned these machines and California is about to do the same. In addition, there apparently are hundreds of other communities across the nation that have banned these machines.

In light of the above, we strongly encourage the State of Maryland to ban the use of these machines, as well as the sale of these machines. The State of Maryland needs to continue being the leader of sustainable actions and banning gas powered leaf blowers is certainly a way to continue to "move to needle" toward a more livable planet.

Respectfully,
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