



Maryland Farm Bureau, Inc.

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To: House Economic Matters Committee

From: Maryland Farm Bureau, Inc.

Re: **Opposition of HB 934 - Gasoline-Powered Leaf Blowers - Sale, Offering for Sale, and Use - Prohibition**

On behalf of our member families, I submit this written testimony opposing HB 934. This bill bans the use of a gasoline-powered leaf blower in the State beginning January 1, 2025 and bans the sale of them in the State beginning January 1, 2024.

Farmers use to blow off weed seeds between fields to prevent the spread to more fields. They blow off dust and debris from farm equipment while in the field before traveling on roads. Battery powered blowers have a very short power charge and farmers have little to no electric plug ins to maintain charge while farming.

MDFB Policy: We oppose the banning of small gas engines.

MARYLAND FARM BUREAU RESPECTFULLY OPPOSES HB 934

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Colby Ferguson'.

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