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HB 399: Gasoline-Powered Leaf Blowers – State Purchase and Use – Prohibition

My name is Robert Phillips and I am the Legislative Committee Chair for the Maryland State Firefighters Association (MSFA)

I wish to present testimony of favorable with amendment on **House Bill 399: Gasoline-Powered Leaf Blowers – State Purchase and Use – Prohibition**

The MSFA is in favor of this bill with an amendment exempting the Department of Natural Resources, Forestry division fire management use. Fire mangement use should be allowed to continue until the battery technology allows for a longer use time and the gas powered units they presently have are retired for mechanical reasons.

I thank the committee for their time and attention to this important bill and ask that you vote favorable with the amendment on House Bill 399.

I will now be glad to answer any questions, or my contact information is listed above and welcome any further inquiries you might have.