



**TESTIMONY FOR HB0091
FOSSIL FUEL-POWERED LAWN AND GARDEN CARE EQUIPMENT –
STATE PURCHASE, USE – AND CONTRACTS - PROHIBITION**

Bill Sponsor: Delegate Foley

Committee: Health and Government Affairs

Organization Submitting: Maryland Legislative Coalition

Person Submitting: Cecilia Plante, co-chair

Position: **FAVORABLE**

I am submitting this testimony in favor of SB0131 on behalf of the Maryland Legislative Coalition. The Maryland Legislative Coalition is an association of activists - individuals and grassroots groups in every district in the state. We are unpaid citizen lobbyists and our Coalition supports well over 30,000 members.

This bill, if enacted, will help the state transition to electric equipment from fossil fuel-powered equipment for lawn and garden care by 2030. It starts with prohibiting the purchase of new fossil fuel-powered equipment starting in 2025, as well as prohibiting the state from entering into, or renewing a contract where the subcontractor utilizes fossil fuel-powered equipment. This will help facilitate the transition to equipment that is good for our health and environment.

We support this bill and recommend a **FAVORABLE** report in committee.