

HB701
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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in support of HB701 Clean Air Quiet Communities Act.

I own and operate Baltimore City's only all-electric yard-care business, Monarch Mowing LLC. Every client and every person on my extensive wait-lists states that they chose my business because they are sick of the noise and fumes of gas-powered lawn gear, most especially gas-powered leaf-blowers. The passage of HB701 would show Maryland taking a leadership role in its care and concern for its citizens, and for our common—and threatened--resource of fresh air.

I hear from other landscapers that the cost of conversion is daunting to them. Respectfully, my direct experience over several years is that electric gear pays for itself rapidly, while the elimination of hot engines and of fuel-hauling & handling makes the workflow far safer and more efficient as well as more pleasant – for workers and customers alike.

I urge passage of HB701, to help bring us closer to our common goal of peaceful and healthy communities. Maryland: let's lead the way!

Sincerely,
Amelia Cox
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