

I am in FAVOR of HB701 Clean Air, Quiet Communities Act which will eventually stop the use of gas powered leaf blowers in Maryland.

The noise is very irritating to me! I can hear the landscapers in the neighborhood when they are several properties away from our home, and even more when they are across the street. I can't imagine the impact to hearing and breathing for the folks actually using the blowers. If they are no longer allowed, then the workers will be using quieter machines to the health benefit of all.

We have a battery powered leaf blower which is noticeably quieter and does a very effective job of clearing our walkway.

I was shocked to realize that 1 hour of gas-powered leaf blower use is equivalent to doing 1000 miles (from Baltimore to Miami, for example)! That's incredible!

This act starts with stopping the use on State owned property to show that it's possible to manage that land without using gas-powered leaf blowers. Then, gas powered leaf blowers would not be sold in Maryland. Eventually, it would extend to home owners not using them and eliminating gas powered leaf blowers altogether is the ultimate goal. This progression makes sense.

Sincerely yours,  
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