

I am writing to wholeheartedly endorse the Clean Air Quiet Communities Act. I live in Baltimore County where three seasons of the year the grating, horrific sound of leaf blowers drives so many of us from the garden into the relative quiet of the house. As soon as I hear the insistent pressure of a gas-driven leaf blower, I usher my kids inside where the noise and air-blown toxins are at least diminished. In the warmer months, the cacophony of leaf blowers is so frequent that we can rarely enjoy a noise-free time outside.

My neighbors are good willed people and I have been tempted to tell them about the huge toxic waste these instruments pour into the air in the scope of just one hour but of course I don't want to offend. This bill is a way for all of us to live quietly together.

This bill also seems a moderate response to a very vexing problem. It has a long rollout, allows continued private use and educates landscape contractors about the up side of electric leaf blowers. These blowers are lower maintenance, protect their workers and provide savings over the life of their equipment.

This is a win-win. I urge you to vote IN FAVOR of this bill.

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