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My name is Anna Kelly and I am a landscape professional, writing to you on behalf of the company I work for, Live Sust Inc. We provide battery-powered and eco-friendly landscaping services in Montgomery County, MD and Washington, DC. We welcome and support this shift away from gas equipment, starting with leaf blowers, and strive to be an example and a resource for those in both the public and private sectors seeking to make this move.

I have been in the industry and have used battery-powered equipment since 2019. I can attest that not only is the quieter and cleaner equipment appreciated by our customers (and their neighbors), it is also well-loved by our crews.

Any time that major shifts take place within industries, there is pushback. It is understandable that people like what they are used to and are reluctant to make changes, especially when the path ahead is uncertain. I much appreciate that the state is looking to take this public step and lead by example.

I commend the Maryland towns and communities that have already passed similar legislation and am excited for the positive impact that this bill will have when passed at the state level.

The facts are clearly stated in the bill – the human and environmental health impacts of gas blowers are serious. We have an alternative that works just as well, and saves providers money in the long run.

I am grateful to the state for considering this bill and stepping up as an East Coast leader on this issue. Bills such as this one make me proud to be a Marylander.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on this important legislation.