

HB 0167 “Clean Air Quiet Communities Act”
Government, Labor and Elections Committee
February 17, 2026
Favorable

Dear Chair Delegate Melissa Wells and Members of the Committee,

I write to request a Favorable vote on HB0167.

The noise and stench of gas-powered blowers is a very real health hazard. Between the extremely high amount of air pollution and the deafening sound of its motor, gas blowers are an ongoing problem for people who use them and those that are trying to have a peaceful morning.

They are dangerous to not only human health, but to wildlife as well including the pollinators necessary to sustain our crop food production and the native plants that are associated with the pollinators.

Using electric blowers and other such electric tools on State property shows by example that our government cares about Marylanders’ desire for clean air and proper hearing. I visited Arnold Arboretum and discussed their electric powered equipment. The staff loved their tools and agreed they did benefit from the lack of noise and air pollution.

Please deliver a FAVORABLE vote for HB0167.

Thank you,
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