To the Montgomery County Council:

Respectfully, please do not extend the use of gas-powered leaf blowers as specified in the proposed exemption.

Landscapers are the biggest generators of the noise, with their leaf blowers.

A member of my family suffers from extreme tinnitus, and the noise from the gas blowers has been akin to torture, even inside our home. This is at its worst in the autumn, exactly when proponents of the exemption are proposing to extend their use.

We have been anxiously waiting for and anticipating an end to this awful noise. Please don't pass the exemption!!

Thank you for the opportunity to provide our perspectives on this hurtful proposed exemption. We are counting on the Council to turn down the proposal.

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