

To: Members of the Montgomery County Council

Date: June 22, 2025

Re: Expedited Bill 19-25-Noise Control-Leaf Removal Equipment-Seasonal Exemption

In the spirit of transparency, I was and still am opposed to the original bill banning gas powered leaf blowers. With that said I don't see the current County Council repealing it. However, the seasonal exemption clearly makes sense. I have spoken to several landscape companies, and each one has said that during the fall, when leaf removal is being done, the use of battery powered leaf blowers is both impractical and time consuming. The battery powered ones are not strong enough and the battery life is not long enough to take care of leaves (ie. Many batteries are needed and quite often a source to charge them is needed.)

I sincerely hope the members of the County Council will vote in favor of Expedited Bill 19-25.

Thank you for your time and consideration and I will be following the actions of the County Council in reference to this.

Sincerely,
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