

July 14, 2025

RE: Bill 19-25

To the Montgomery County Council

Melissa and I have lived in the Sligo Park Hills neighborhood of Montgomery County for 21 years. We very strongly support the July 11, 2025 letter from our Community Association president, David Heller, protesting the attempt to disable a portion of the now in force ban on the use of gasoline powered leaf blowers.

The landscaping companies have had plenty of time to adjust to the regulation, and there has been support in place to assist them as needed.

The gasoline powered blowers are very noisy and put out a large amount of visible exhaust. We have very rarely (if ever) seen any of the workers using any kind of ear or respiratory protection such as earphones or face mask/filters. We, who are some away, find the noise and stink obnoxious – and the poor workers who carry them on their backs are directly and more profoundly affected.

While the landscaping companies may not be evil, they have certainly been consistently remiss in protecting their own employees.

Regulations are put in place by responsible governments to ensure – and enforce - the protections required. Regulations are usually enacted by governments in precisely these situations where protections have been consistently lacking.

Please do not gut the law that had been wisely enacted.

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