March 16, 2018

Chairman Phil Mendelson  
Committee of the Whole  
D.C. Council  
John A. Wilson Building  
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Suite 410  
Washington, D.C. 20004

Re: B22-0234, the Leaf Blower Regulation Amendment Act of 2017

Dear Chairman Mendelson,

On March 14, 2018, at a regularly scheduled, duly noticed monthly meeting of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6C, with a quorum of six out of six commissioners and the public present, the above-mentioned matter came before us. The commissioners voted unanimously, 6:0:0, to send you this letter of support.

The ANC 6C commissioners understand the need for this legislation due to the deleterious effects of gas-powered leaf blowers: the noise factor, particularly the negative health impact on the ears of people who use these gas-powered blowers; the wind speeds up to 150 mph, which can stir up pollution, spores, and debris, and this is particularly bad for small children and pets; and the potential for ozone damage.

Battery-powered blowers are less damaging to people and the environment. The initial, up-front cost of these blowers is higher, but over time they are cost-effective. Please approve this legislation.

Thank you for giving weight to this ANC 6C recommendation.

On behalf of ANC 6C,

Karen Wirt  
ANC 6C chair