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To Whom It May Concern,

As a leading manufacturer of high-quality professional battery-powered outdoor power equipment, EGO Commercial strongly supports Senate Bill S.1574 and Assembly Bill A.2657. These bills provide critical funding to help landscapers transition their fleets to zero-emission equipment, reducing environmental impact while maintaining business efficiency. Similar programs in other states have been widely successful and well received by the landscaping community, as they balance sustainability with the practical needs of professionals and their customers.

While we fully support the intent of S.1574 & A.2657, we encourage legislators to model this rebate program after California's highly effective CORE program (<https://californiacore.org/how-to-participate-professional-landscape-2/>). CORE prioritized getting durable, professional-grade battery-powered equipment into the hands of landscaping professionals—particularly small businesses and sole proprietors—who often face the greatest barriers in transitioning from gas. The program included product requirements to ensure funding was directed toward high-performance, long-lasting equipment, rather than low-quality battery products that fail to meet the demands of professional use and ultimately contribute to landfill waste. Additionally, the CORE program emphasized the role of servicing dealers, ensuring that eligible equipment could be properly maintained and deliver long-term value to users.

As an industry leader in professional battery technology, EGO Commercial is eager to support the successful implementation of this program by providing insights and recommendations based on our experience. We welcome the opportunity to collaborate with legislators and program sponsors to develop a rebate initiative that truly benefits the landscaping industry while advancing environmental sustainability.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rob Collins".

Rob Collins

Director of Dealer Sales | East Division  
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