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Chairwoman Kreuger, Chairman Otis, members of the New York Assembly and Senate -

On behalf of The Home Depot's nearly 27,000 associates at 101 stores and multiple distribution centers across the state of New York, we would like to express our support for S.1574 (Kreuger)/A.2657 (Otis), establishing an electric landscaping equipment rebate program.

The Home Depot supports this measure because it will encourage New York customers to choose electric landscaping equipment across all seasons that is good for the environment while not compromising on efficiency and power.

We commend the sponsors for considering such forward-thinking legislation, and are eager to contribute to its successful implementation via collaboration, partnership, insight, and information sharing. We thank the legislature for including snow equipment in the proposal, and would urge members to consider expanding eligibility to include any and all New Yorkers that seek electric landscaping tools to meet their needs.

Our mission at The Home Depot has always been to offer products that meet the needs of our customers. By promoting the adoption of zero emission landscaping equipment, this initiative aligns with our commitment to environmental stewardship and our desire to offer customers the latest in eco-friendly technology. We expect that by the end of 2028, more than 85 percent of our sales in outdoor power equipment will run on rechargeable batteries instead of gas. This transition will reduce over 2,000,000 metric tons of greenhouse gases annually from exhaust pipes of residential lawn equipment. To reach this goal, The Home Depot is working to extend its leadership position in battery technology and offer cordless outdoor power tools from market leading brands across the spectrum. Our brands are committed to building rechargeable tools that deliver the power that customers have come to expect from gas-powered equipment and the run times they need to complete a job, all with less noise, less maintenance, and easier startups.

We are confident that this proposed rebate program for New York will significantly boost consumer interest in electric landscaping equipment. The point-of-sale rebate model is an effective way to encourage customers to make greener choices by reducing the upfront cost of electric devices. This approach not only benefits the environment but also stimulates market demand for these products, contributing to the growth of businesses focused on sustainable solutions.

For these reasons, The Home Depot supports S.1574 (Kreuger)/ A.2657 (Otis), and urges swift legislative action on this important piece of legislation for the good of all New Yorkers.

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