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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Energy and Environment

Measure: SB525

I am generally supportive of SB 525 for the below reasons, but more importantly I support the amended version (SB 525-1) of the bill which should go into into a work session to place stronger language prohibiting the use of gas powered leaf blowers.

I strongly urge you to completely ban the use of gas-powered leaf blowers within our city. As a concerned citizen, I have observed firsthand the negative impact these machines have on our environment, our health, and our quality of life.

Firstly, the noise pollution caused by these machines can be incredibly disruptive to our neighborhoods, making it difficult to enjoy our homes and spend time outdoors. The excess noise also causes increases in stress and anxiety in many people. In addition, gas-powered leaf blowers are significant contributors to air pollution. The exhaust fumes released by these machines contain harmful toxins that can cause respiratory problems and other health issues.

Furthermore, gas-powered leaf blowers have a negative impact on wildlife and plant life. The force of the air generated by these machines can damage delicate plant life and disturb the habitats of local wildlife, causing significant harm to our ecosystem.

As an alternative, I would suggest that the city promotes the use of electric or battery-powered leaf blowers, which are much quieter and emit fewer harmful pollutants. Additionally, encouraging the use of rakes and brooms would be a more eco-friendly and sustainable option.

In conclusion, I strongly urge you to take action and completely ban the use of gas-powered leaf blowers within our city. Doing so would not only benefit our environment, but also improve our quality of life and protect the health of our citizens.

Thank you for your consideration.