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Gas powered leaf blowers (as well as other gas powered yard machines) are seriously damaging to our efforts to create clean, unpolluted air in our cities, and hamper our efforts to combat the climate crisis - the major issue facing our planet today. The amount of pollution they produce is exponentially more than comparable engines in cars, for example (for the amount of energy they produce), and they pose a serious hazard to many people's health, especially those with breathing issues. On top of that they are an incredible noise irritant, assuredly with significant psychological effects on many people. I lead meditation/exercise groups that practice outside much of the year, and we sometimes have to stop our practices because of the extreme nuisance of leaf blowers. And the actual usefulness in time saving of these devices over hand tools, in many cases, is very debatable. Please consider the amended version of this bill (SB 525-1), vote it out of committee, and soon pass this legislation, as many forward thinking states and municipalities have already done with similar legislation. Thank You.