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On Behalf Of: Quiet Clean Eugene  
Committee: Senate Committee On Energy and Environment  
Measure: SB525

Dear Senators:

I am extremely concerned about the health and safety of my fellow landscapers (46% hispanic). Some are not wearing hearing protection.

For example, recently I was dumping my trailer at the local yard debris recycling company here in Eugene. Next to me was two-man hispanic crew using a gas powered backpack leaf blower to blow-out their truck after dumping their load. I noticed that the older guy was not wearing any hearing protection at all. His younger assistant was wearing foam ear plugs. Neither were wearing ear muffs for better protection. For the operator, it is a whopping 100+ decibels!

These workers, often with little or no safety training or health insurance, will have the possibility of hearing loss later in life.

Sincerely,

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