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Measure: Senate Committee On Energy and Environment SB525

Please support the amended version of SB 525 that would phase out gasoline powered leaf blowers in cities with populations of 75,000 or more. Gasoline powered leaf blowers are huge polluters in both noise and air pollution. Gasoline powered leaf blowers result in air pollution that impacts all of us, and noise pollution that impacts anyone in close proximity. Gas leaf blowers cause permanent hearing loss in landscape workers. There are simple alternatives to the use of these blowers. We need to follow the lead of our neighbors in California and other states that have banned the use of gasoline powered leaf blowers, and who have provided incentives to the landscapers and homeowners who used them, to switch to the alternatives.

Thank you.