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Chair Lively, Vice Chairs Gamba and Levy, Members of the Committee,

Gas powered leaf blowers and other gas powered landscape equipment are very loud and pollute the atmosphere sometimes worse than operating many motor vehicles, as emissions aren't as regulated for landscape equipment. This causes excessive GHG emissions and excessive noise and vibration from the operation of the leaf blower. Electric landscaping equipment is quieter, does not pollute GHG emissions, and can be more cost effective to operate and repair than fossil fuel powered landscaping equipment.

I support a rebate program for the purchase of exclusively electric leaf blowers, not just ones powered by battery. The rebate should apply to all clean electricity, whether powered via battery or via extension cable. Additionally, non-commercial users should be able to access these rebates to replace their gas powered leaf blowers and other gas/diesel powered landscape equipment.

By incentivizing electric leaf blower equipment, and battery powered leaf blower equipment, we encourage the electrification of other landscape tools that are powered when manufacturers provide cross-compatible battery systems across different product lines/equipment.

I support HB2067, and hope that it can be amended to include the provisions mentioned above.

Thank you.