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Gas powered leaf blowers are a significant source of pollution. One hour of using a gas powered leaf blower can emit as much pollution as driving a modern car for 1,100 miles. These pollutants are hazardous to human health and the environment, as they cause respiratory problems, irritate eyes and throat and contribute to smog. Battery powered leaf blowers are a much better and healthier option. They are quieter, and produce fewer emissions. I also notice in my neighborhood, that many of the workers using these are Latino laborers with no mask or other protection against the harmful pollutants.

I support HB 206, establishing a rebate fund for purchase of battery powered leaf blowers.

Thank you for your consideration of this important bill.

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