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On Behalf Of:

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Hello Legislators - I am strongly in support of HB 2067 which establishes a rebate for the purchase of battery powered leaf blowers. We know that rebates are carrots instead of sticks and this is always the preferable way to enable change. Leaf blowers are indeed noisy (and gas powered leaf blowers are noisier than battery operated leaf blowers) Operators usually wear ear protection, but neighbors and passing pedestrians are not wearing ear protection. Hence, we have, at the least noise pollution, and quite possibly hearing damage.

Also important is the pollution from gas powered leaf blowers. A 2011 study by Edmonds found that a two-stroke gasoline-powered leaf blower spewed out more pollution than a 6,200-pound Ford F-150 SVT Raptor pickup truck. — Jason Kavanaugh, the engineering editor at Edmonds at the time noted that “hydrocarbon emissions from a half hour of yard work with the two-stroke leaf blower are about the same as a 3,900 mile drive from Texas to Alaska in a Raptor”.

Please do what you can to advance this common sense bill.

Thank you,
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