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Dear Housing and Municipal Government Committee

I am writing in opposition to H7150 which I interpret to prohibit cities and towns from phasing out fossil fuel powered landscaping equipment to be replaced by electric powered equipment. I have these 4 points to explain my opposition:

1 fossil fuel powered equipment is too noisy and polluting. My wife and I like to walk on nice streets in the spring, but that equipment too often spoils the experience. especially as it can be heard over considerable distance. We also like to eat outdoors on our porch in summers, again the noise and fumes too often spoil that too. There is a better alternative with electric equipment.

2 while we are not bothered by noise during sleeping hours, at other times noise regulations as a practical matter are not enforced, and there is little prospect they will be to any extent

3 climate considerations indicate we should phase out fossil fuel use where we can. I know the right wing in the county has an allegiance to fossil fuels, but surely true conservatives would agree it is prudent to reduce fossil fuel rather than take a crap shoot with our atmosphere which has already seen a large increase in carbon dioxide concentrations which are likely already destabilizing our climate

4 traditional conservatives have the view that government closest to the people is best, and state mandates on local government should have a compelling reason (such as if pollution on a river flows from one town to another.) Though North Providence where I live has not moved to phase out fossil fuel landscape equipment, we are a relatively dense community so their noise and fumes affect a lot of people. I would like us to have this option. This can be less of a problem in rural areas.

Therefore I urge the Committee not to recommend this bill.

Thank you for attention to my views

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