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Dear Clerk Huntley and RI House Municipal Governance Committee,

My name is Elizabeth Mellen. I live in Providence's Federal Hill neighborhood and work at Brown University. I'm writing this email to strongly **oppose bill H7150** and the RI General Assembly's desire to tell cities and towns which sources of pollution they can or can't regulate.

Leafblower pollution should be regulated just like other sources of pollution. For 2025, the American Lung Association's State of the Air report gave Providence a "D" for air quality. Providence is also the 9th most challenging city in the U.S. for a person with asthma to live. Given gas leafblowers' disproportionately high toxic emissions, we must act to limit their impact on our already abysmal air quality.

Pollution in all of its forms is a public health issue that the residents of Providence deserve to have a say in rectifying.

Thank you so much for your time,
Elizabeth Mellen