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I am writing in support of H7495.

A day doesn't pass in my East Greenwich neighborhood without a few hours of buzzing from leaf blowers. The noise is annoying, and the environmental impact is completely unnecessary. While I understand people like to have perfectly clean lawns, there are better ways to accomplish it.

- Electric lawn equipment emits zero planet-warming emissions.
- Although electric lawn equipment can cost more upfront, they're cheaper to own and operate than gas-powered equipment. They can save you money over time due to lower fuel and maintenance costs — usually paying back the initial investment in just a few years.
- And, as an added bonus, electric lawn equipment is far quieter than gas-powered versions — a welcome relief to your hearing and your neighbors.

I will gladly pay a bit more for lawn services that use battery-powered equipment vs. the polluting gas-powered devices they use now. Please support this bill.

Regards,

Gregg R, McPherson (East Greenwich)