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Good Afternoon Representatives:

I am in support of HB-7150.

The detrimental effects of regulating outdoor equipment based on the type of fuel or energy the equipment uses would be far reaching, not only to the home owner but also to small business.

Logistically, I cannot see how a commercial landscaping business would be able to adopt restrictions on gas powered machines.

Although I believe the initiative is sound and the intent is positive for restricting gas powered machines with battery or electric power, the financial burden of replacing all of my outdoor equipment would be substantial. In an age where things are not getting any cheaper having to purchase all new equipment to take care of my property would be excessive.

The problem with leaning on electric power, Rhode Island has one of the highest electricity costs in the country, 3rd to Hawaii and California. When the equipment costs, energy costs and replacement costs are feasible, home owners and businesses alike will adopt the new technology organically.

Supporters of banning gas outdoor equipment do not weigh the effect it has on other parts of the world. The effects of mining minerals needed for the batteries is absolutely devastating, but since it is not in our communities, no harm.

Please support HB-7150

I am grateful for your listening ear in this matter. Have a great legislative session and I'll be in touch!

Thank you,

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