

I am appalled to hear that the House is considering a bill to block local leaf blower laws. Why are our representatives showing more concern for the landscaping industry over their own citizens? For decades, I have been contacting my elected officials about this issue. Now, we are seeing some progress at last and this is how you react? These monstrosities --which no one needed in decades past in order to do their jobs -- create horrible noise and air pollution. People should be able to enjoy their own backyards without being subjected to dangerous decibel levels coming from these machines. Nearly every day in summer I have to retreat indoors and shut my windows until these machines have moved on. Many times the workers are trying to blow every speck of dirt off the sidewalk. It's a ridiculous use of energy and extremely stressful for everyone who has to listen to it. Please give priority to your constituents over a handful of powerful landscapers.

I would also add that I have recently signed a contract for yardwork with a company that uses only electric equipment. It *can* be done, and successfully, too.

Sincerely,

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