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Dear Dawn Huntley, Committee Clerk, and Honorable Members of the Rhode Island House of Representatives,

I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed bill that would prohibit Rhode Island towns from regulating gas-powered leaf blowers.

When my state government is willing to prioritize the noise and convenience of gas-powered leaf blowers over the voices and health of residents and the right of towns to govern themselves, it demonstrates a unsettling disregard for local democracy and community well-being.

Please tell me how or why this (video below) is acceptable. I walked for nearly a mile and continued to hear those blowers. This is a daily occurrence for 3 seasons out of the year. This is not a minor inconvenience—it is a sustained disruption to everyday life. It harms workers, children, and wildlife, and it contributes to chronic noise and particle pollution that disrupts daily life and health.

Video from November 3, 2025.

Please restore my faith in government and do the right thing—for the people, not for business interests, or worse yet, actively supporting business interests over residents. It is time for these businesses to innovate and adopt solutions that no longer harm our communities. Support their transition, rather than silencing the voices of the people you represent.

Thank you,

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