

Dear Ms. Huntley,

I am writing to register my opposition to H7150, limiting the power of local governments to determine their own quality of life.

I fully understand that the lawn care industry is in a panic about the backlash against gas-powered leaf blowers and lawn equipment, but all industries must eventually modify and grow with changing technology and popular tastes. It's the cost of doing business!

I know I am not alone in saying that I am sickened by the explosion of the use of this equipment in our neighborhoods, and most of my neighbors agree - even the ones who use these services. The equipment is poorly regulated, if at all, it is loud, smelly and incredibly unhealthy for the poor users, and we who have to endure them. There are times when there are three or four services at a time fouling up the air within a few blocks radius and making it impossible to enjoy our own backyards because of the noise and stench. We all know this is bad for our health. We can not allow an industry to lobby for protection against people's good health, and the State government should not be in the business of telling local governments that they can't do as their communities wish them to do.

I fully oppose this measure.

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