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To whom it may concern:

I am opposed to H7150, and in support of the Providence Noise Project's efforts to improve our quality of life by eliminating the scourge of gas-powered leaf blowers in the city of Providence.

There is absolutely no reason why landscapers (and some homeowners) are allowed to continue to pollute our environment in TWO ways - noise and absolutely noxious fumes more poisonous than car exhaust with the use of these gas-powered (ubiquitous!) nuisances.

I live in close confines with many neighbors in the Fox Point section of Providence. There is no way to accurately quantify how many days of the spring, summer and fall seasons are ruined with noise pollution here. On many occasions I am forced to closed windows and doors to mitigate the assault on my hearing. And it is unconscionable to allow spewing of those unfiltered poisonous gas fumes into our environment to further degrade air quality.

I am convinced there is minimal cost to homeowners and businesses to convert to battery-powered leaf blowers to address this problem. Battery technology has come a long way. If there can be efficient and powerful lawnmowers and even snowblowers on the market, surely there are leaf blowers that can meet the demands of the job.

Please also note - in regards to noise - that landscape employees using gas-powered blowers are wearing ear protection while performing their job. That's because the noise is harmful. There is no equivalent protection for the neighboring population exposed to this violation of city noise ordinances. If a ban is not enacted (and what is currently proposed is toothless), then imposition of escalating fines for noise level violations should be rigorously pursued. Maybe this disincentive will have some effect. Also, perhaps the source, volume and frequency in key areas could be monitored by noise cameras to illuminate the extent of the problem.

Thank you for paying attention to this important quality of life issue.

Bob Tevyaw