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RI Senate Committee on Housing and Municipal Government

Dear Senators:

I write in strong opposition to S2574, "RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- GENERAL POWERS," introduced by Sens. de la Cruz, Burke, Patalano and Rogers. The bill would remove local control over polluting and noisy gas-powered leaf blowers. These primitive fossil-fuel machines contaminate my neighborhood every day with poisonous fumes and violate the Providence noise ordinance every time they are used, endangering the health of residents like me.

Fossil fuel interests have far too much political power in our country. They spur wars to drive up fuel prices. They sabotage clean energy projects, and corrupt our government at the federal and state level. Please say "no" to big oil and defeat S2574.

Sincerely,

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