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Dear Members of the Rhode Island Senate,

I am writing to express my opposition to S2574 and any other legislation that would restrict or prevent municipalities from regulating gas-powered leaf blowers.

Gas leaf blowers are significantly louder than other landscaping equipment and are often used in large numbers, amplifying their impact on nearby residents and communities. The persistent noise disrupts residents' ability to enjoy peace and quiet both inside our homes, outside in our yards, and in public spaces like parks and outdoor restaurants.

Importantly, many communities already have ordinances in place that effectively prohibit the use of gas leaf blowers based on decibel levels. Rather than limiting local authority, the focus should be on enforcing these existing regulations. Additionally, manufacturers should be encouraged to develop quieter alternatives that reduce noise pollution and better align with community standards.

Preserving local control and prioritizing quality of life for residents should remain a priority. Landscapers and homeowners have a plethora of other methods and tools available besides gas powered leaf blowers that accomplish the same tasks without producing levels of noise so loud they can be heard over very long distances.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Philip Johnson

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