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Dear Legislature,

I am writing in support of HB3350, which would ban gas-powered leaf blowers. I am going to list a number of reasons that these leaf blowers should be banned, knowing that this probably will not happen for a long time. Gas powered leaf blowers are worse than electric ones, but in fact all leaf blowers are problematic.

Gasoline leaf blower engines pollute the air out of proportion to their usefulness. This is contributing to the climate crisis.

Leaf blowers stir up dust and pollen, which is harmful to people with lung disease.

Leaf blowers take away all places on the ground where small bugs can live. This takes away food from birds. They destroy areas where moths and butterflies could lay eggs. They destroy spider webs, also taking away sources of food for birds.

Leaf blowers are painfully noisy. They add to the noise pollution we experience, particularly in the city.

Please consider whether the supposed convenience of leaf blowers is really worth their environmental cost. I am aware that in Palo Alto, California, gas-powered leaf blowers were banned. The ban was not particularly effective because it was not enforced, but it was a start.

Thank you for your consideration.  
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