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On Behalf Of:

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Measure: HB2528

I am writing in support of HB 2528 on the grounds that it intends to phase out the use of gas-powered leaf blowers used in landscaping. These tools are incredible bad for the environment and public health. On any given day in Portland, I can be walking or biking around outside and be assaulted by the aggressive noise and exhaust fumes from gas powered leaf blowers. They create a significant amount of pollution which contributes to immediate adverse health effects on people with asthma and other respiratory conditions, as well as long-term health problems like lung cancer. Additionally, the harsh sound from leaf blowers being used on so many properties impacts the mental health of the community- not everyone goes to work 9-5 and many are working from home, resting, or taking care of families. Leaf blowers are so loud that they can be heard inside homes, which I can imagine is very disturbing to older people and children.

Please consider eliminating this archaic landscaping method, we need to move on to more environmentally-conscientious ways.