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I am writing in support of SB 525 with the proposed amendments. Gas-powered leaf blowers are inefficient, loud, and polluting and have no place in cities when better alternatives are readily available.

Many (most?) landscape maintenance service providers continue to use two-stroke gas powered leaf blowers that the rest of the nation is rapidly leaving behind. These leaf blowers generate toxic air pollution in our neighborhoods, schools, and public spaces, spreading toxins, metals and particulates, and they emit noise that far exceeds health and safety standards. These practices come with high costs for our physical and mental health and our environment. Most severely impacted are the workers who operate gas powered leaf blowers.

Please support the amended version of SB 525 to foster in a quieter, cleaner, safer Oregon for humans and non-human alike. Let's finally phase out the use of gas-powered leaf blowers in our cities.