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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Energy and Environment

Measure: SB525

Dear Senators Sollman, Findley, Goldman, Hayden and Lieber,

I am writing in support of SB 525-1, that reads in part "a Person may not use, cause the person's employee to use or cause to be used on property owned or controlled by the person a gasoline-powered leaf blower within the urban growth boundary of a city with a population of 75,000 or greater."

Gas Powered Leaf Blowers (GPLB) are hazardous to the health of the individuals who use them, in terms of noise as well as pollutants produced from those leaf blowers that they breathe. Further, it disproportionately harms workers at these typically small landscape businesses. And finally, the use of GPLB hurts the environment in terms of noxious air-borne chemicals, dust, and the destruction of natural and animal habitats.

Thank you for your service and your consideration of this important bill.

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