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I have lived in Oregon for 60+ years and during that time have witnessed the end of quiet. I do not live in the woods and don't expect perfect silence, but we cannot go anywhere in our neighborhood and not be pummeled by the roar of leaf blowers and great gusts of half-burned fuel.. According to a 2011 study by [Edmunds](#), a two-stroke leaf blower emits 23 times the amount of carbon released by a Ford pickup truck and the hydrocarbon emissions from a leaf blower in a half-hour of yard work are "about the same as a 3,900-mile drive from Texas to Alaska in a [Ford pickup truck <https://thewash.org/2021/11/30/heres-what-you-need-to-know-about-dcs-leaf-blower-ban/> Technology for e

I am writing to urge you to support SB 525-1 which would phase out gas-burning leaf blowers in cities with a population of 75,000 or greater starting Jan 1, 2026.