

Submitter: Laurie Dougherty

On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Energy and Environment

Measure: SB525

Chair Sollman, Vice-Chair Findley and Members of the Committee,

I support SB 525 with the -1 Amendment applicable to gasoline-powered leaf blowers with the consideration stated below.. This will reduce the greenhouse gas and toxic emissions from these devices that are harmful to the climate, to workers who operate the equipment, and to people in the vicinity where they are used. It will also reduce the extremely loud, annoying and harmful noise these devices produce.

However, with respect to the -1 Amendment, this bill must also apply to places with less than a population of 500,000. Here in Salem we also experience the noxious emissions and excessively loud noise from these devices. I will be very disappointed if the benefits of this bill do not apply to Salem and other places with less than 500,000 residents.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.