

I am writing in support of HB 0701. There are so many reasons why gas powered leaf blowers should be phased out:

- When they are in the neighborhood, it makes being outside impossible.
- The decibel level, even at a distance, is damaging to my hearing. Rarely do I see the lawn crew wearing ear protection.
- The amount of green house gas produced is a disproportional contributor to climate change
- As a physician, I understand the respiratory consequences of the fine particulate matter that these engines produce
- There are now reasonable alternatives to gas powered leaf blowers that are much quieter and much less environmental damaging

I urge you to support this bill. It is inevitable that these gas powered engines will be phased out in favor of much more responsible lawn equipment. Thank you.

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