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Dear Council Colleagues,

I hope this message finds you well. I am writing to inform you about an update regarding my proposed motion at the Civic Works Committee to restrict the time of use of gas-powered lawn and garden equipment in our community. I originally brought forward this motion based on my residents' feedback that gas lawn equipment was too loud and concerns about the environmental impacts of the equipment.

After listening to feedback from residents' across London, it has become clear that the initially proposed time restriction from 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM for gas equipment is too limiting for many of our residents. The intent of this motion was to reduce noise and emissions for the benefit of our community, but I understand that these restrictions could pose significant challenges for those with busy schedules and for local lawn care businesses. While I still believe we must reduce emissions and sound pollution wherever possible, it appears this will not be a viable solution for many.

In response to the overwhelming feedback received, I am officially retracting my support for the committee recommendation at the June 4th Council meeting. I hope we can continue to explore alternative solutions that balance the needs of all community members while addressing the issues of noise and emissions.

Thank you for your understanding,

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Skylar Franke".

Skylar Franke
Ward 11 City Councillor