

To the CPSC,

I am writing to request an opportunity to address the CPSC.

As you know, London is in the grips of a global pandemic and is suffering the effects of climate change.

Children are being home-schooled, we have been asked to suspend all but the most essential activities, and governments are committing billions of dollars to rapidly decarbonize our economy.

Despite this, our municipal by-laws protect the provision of cosmetic lawn care and the use of gas-powered leaf blowers by defining them as "essential services." Therefore, even in the midst of a lockdown and a global climate crisis, gas powered leaf blowers are emitting noise in excess of 85dB, carcinogens, and greenhouse gases into our communities everyday.

This policy is out of keeping with the needs of our community in 2021.

I therefore am requesting an opportunity to address the CPSC and begin a discussion about how we can get our municipal policies and by-laws to better align with the needs of our community in this time of crisis.

Thank you

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