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Dear Ms. Conkling,

Below is the testimony that I presented over the Zoom Board meeting tonight.

Thank you very much.

Best regards,

Cynthia Roberts

March 23, 2021 Scarsdale Board of Trustees Hearing on Limiting Gas-powered Leaf Blowers

My name is Cynthia Roberts and I live at 15 Autenreith Road .

I fully support tonight's resolution to limit gas-powered leaf blowers, but feel that it is not strong enough to prevent the extensive damage to the health of lawn workers and to the environment that is done by blowing our leaves and paying to cart them, and the nutrients they hold, away from Scarsdale.

I have also noticed that many of the landscape companies that work in my particular neighborhood use gas powered leaf-blowers, but it is not the owner of the company who is doing the leaf blowing, but often rather the employees, who are subjected to dangerous fumes, particulates and noise.

As I pointed out at your work session, climate change is the existential challenge of this century for each of us, regardless of economic standing. I thank this Board for your careful work on the leaf-blower issue. I urge the incoming Board to take on the challenge of asking what can you, as leaders of Scarsdale, do to meet the challenges of climate change. I suggest that you consider discontinuing the municipally-funded collection and carting away of our fall leaves, further promote mulch-mowing, and outlawing gas-powered leaf blowers altogether.

After all, what does it say about our community if we value blown leaves over peoples' health?

I would also like to thank Steve Pappalardo for the excellent work he has done as Village Manager.

Thank you.