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To the House Environment and Natural Resource Committee

I am writing to express my support and to respectfully ask the Committee to consider passage of Bill H 7071.

As a property steward of a local land trust, I know first hand the amount of time and resources that are spent trying to manage invasive terrestrial plants on protected lands. Rhode Island is one of a handful of states in the nation, and possibly the only state in New England that does not regulate the sale and distribution of terrestrial plants that have been deemed to have qualities that allow them to spread rapidly in the wild outside of cultivation, displacing native plant species.

I would request the Committee consider establishing a timeframe for the Department of Environmental Management to develop a list of invasive plants.

Thank you for your consideration.

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