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Dear House Environmental Natural Resources Committee,

As a member of the Rhode Island Wild Plant Society, RI Natural History Survey and Native Plant Trust, I am very concerned with the number and extent of invasive plants in Rhode Island. I have personally worked to remove invasive plants from my yard and on South Kingstown Land Trust properties and have observed these plants in many natural areas throughout the state. We need to do whatever is possible to discourage invasive plants from being established due to their negative impacts on the natural ecology. Invasive plants change ecosystems by outcompeting native plants, decreasing biodiversity, and altering pollinator habitats. It only makes sense to prohibit the sale of invasive plants to minimize their negative impacts in Rhode Island. Therefore, I wish to voice my support for House Bill No. 7071 (Invasive Plant Management Bill).

Sincerely,

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