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I am writing in strong favor for house bill H 7071.

It is well time that RI join all the other New England states in banning ecologically disruptive plants in all nurseries.

While in total agreement with all the claims of this bill, I would also like to add that the fruits of some of these non-native shrubs are also toxic and lethal to birds. One study done by the College of Veterinary Medicine at the University of Georgia posted July 25, 2013 found that cedar waxwings had been poisoned by the berries of Nandina domestica, an ornamental shrub whose berries do attract birds. I believe there are more accounts of this nature that I have read in the past but for the sake of time limitations, I will stop at this one.

In my over 25 years of professional landscape gardening in RI, I have sadly witnessed the increasing incursion of non native plants in both cultivated and non cultivated and disturbed environments.

Please pass this most important bill as an aid to fostering a sustainable environment for native plants, their co-evolved insects and the song birds which depend on both.

Respectfully,
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