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**From:** Volunteer Services for Animals <vsaheadquarters@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, January 26, 2026 8:30 AM  
**To:** Rep. Bennett, David A.; House Environment and Natural Resources Committee  
**Cc:** Rep. Boylan, Jennifer  
**Subject:** H7071- RHODE ISLAND INVASIVE PLANT MANAGEMENT ACT

Dear Chairman Bennett and Honorable Members of the Rhode Island House Environment & Natural Resources Committee:

We missed the hearing on January 22, 2026, nonetheless Volunteer Services for Animals (VSA) writes in support of H7071 because of its environmental importance to our landscape. Like all of us who face funding challenges if funding to support H7071 is the drawback to its consideration, then the Department of Environment Management should internally prioritize the present use of its resources and talents and protect our trees and native flora before it is too late. We thank Representative Jennifer Boylan and all the co-signers of H7071, and hope that when the Environment & Agriculture Committee again deliberates on this measure it will find that it is too important to permanently hold for further study.

Very respectfully yours,  
Joanne Rongo  
Board of Directors Chair

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