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TO: Chair Bennett and members of the House Environment and Natural Resources Committee Email: HouseEnvironmentandNaturalResources@rilegislature.gov

CC: Representative Boylan and Senator Lauria

January 20, 2026

Chair Bennett and honorable members of the House Environment and Natural Resources Committee:

My name is Jody Tanzman and I live in Barrington.

I am writing to urge you to support H7071 (Boylan), which would prohibit the importation, transportation, disbursement, distribution, sale, or purchase of any species of non-native (exotic) invasive plants.

Rhode Island is one of only five states without a prohibited plant sale list, a list that restricts the sale and distribution of invasive plants, and the only state in New England without one. Invasive plants are a specific category of non-native plant that have been shown to wreak havoc on local ecosystems by spreading exponentially and crowding out native plants species.

This bill would prohibit the sale of these plant species at nurseries, garden centers and anywhere plants are sold in the state.

Please pass this bill out of committee and to the House floor with a recommendation for passage.

In addition, I also show my strong support for H7074, which would ensure RIDOT plants native and pollinator friendly plantings along our roadways. In addition to being beautiful, as anyone who has gazed upon a meadow of Goldenrod in late Summer can attest, this is an incredible way to ensure the survival of our native animals, birds and plants who rely on these plants as food. Rhode Island is rapidly expanding housing throughout our state, and our wildlife populations are disrupted as their land is stripped away. By providing pollinator pathways, we can do our part in keeping the balance of these fragile ecosystems.

Thank you for your time and support in these important bills.

Sincerely,

Jody Tanzman

Barrington, Bristol County, Rhode Island