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Dear committee and Representative Stewart:

I would like to urge you to support the passage of the 2026 RI Invasives Plant Management House Bill 7071, which would limit the ability of people to buy certain invasive plants in Rhode Island. Individuals or commercial landscapers historically have introduced non-native ornamental plants in Rhode Island and elsewhere that have caused damage to our local environment by crowding out native plants, eliminating food sources for native animals, and proliferating without limits, due to lack of natural checks in their new environment. Invasive plants cause not only environmental but economic damage as well. Please support passage of this bill.

Thank you!

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