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

My name is Kathryn Hyams 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.

I care deeply about Rhode Island's natural beauty and have seen how detrimental invasive plants can be to the natural landscape negatively affecting both flora and fauna.

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.

Sincerely,

Kathryn Hyams/Barrington, RI