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

FROM: Lynn E. Taylor MD, Barrington RI

RE: Support for H7071

DATE: January 21, 2026

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

My name is Lynn Taylor and I live in Barrington. Thank you for all you do for so many and thank you for your service.

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.

Non-native invasive plants out-compete native plants, reduce biodiversity, and disrupt habitats for wildlife and pollinators. By prohibiting the sale, transport, and possession of invasive non-native plant species, H7071 supports long-term ecological balance and would help maintain the state's natural landscapes. We must do all we can to stem the extinction of so many extraordinary species. For those who care mostly about the human population, we cannot survive without pollinators.

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.

Thank you for caring about our natural world. This is so very important.

With gratitude and best wishes,

Lynn

Lynn E. Taylor MD

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