

January 22, 2026

Testimony in support of H7074:

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

It is widely known that pollinators are imperiled. Human beings will not survive without pollinators. H7074 incentivizes the use of native roadside plantings that increase pollinator habitat, mitigate stormwater runoff, absorb roadway pollutants and carbon, and require little to no maintenance once established.

This legislation is just common sense.

The U.S. Department of Transportation website provides comprehensive guidance on sustainable best practices for establishing roadside pollinator habitat. Federal grant money is available for this purpose. Several states have been doing this work for decades.

The question is, why isn't Rhode Island doing more of this?

Please support bill H7074.

Thank you for your consideration,

Jessica Allen

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Jessica Allen". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jessica" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Allen".

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