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Dear Chair Bennett and members of the House Environment and Natural Resources Committee;

I am a resident of Little Compton.

I am writing to urge you to approve H7074, a bill to require the Department of Transportation to plant native plants, shrubs, and trees along our road and highways,

Plantings are likely to:

- reduce mowing and its associated environmental impacts and cost
- outcompete invasives and reduce their spread
- resist drought, help prevent erosion, and improve stormwater management
- support pollinators and wildlife.

They will also mitigate the substantial environmental impact of highways and help beautify the environment. This will be a blessing to all Rhode Islanders and will enhance every visitor's experience in our State..

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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