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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,

There are many reasons to do so. Such plantings are likely to reduce mowing and its environmental impacts and costs. These plants are likely to outcompete invasives and reduce their spread. They often have deep root systems and are likely to resist drought, help prevent erosion, and improve stormwater management. They support pollinators and wildlife. They mitigate the substantial environmental impact of highways and help beautify the environment. This will be a blessing to all Rhode Islanders and will encourage tourism.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Peter Zorach