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

My name is Zachary Paquette and I live in East Providence.

I am writing to urge you to support H7074

I run a gardening business and have been designing and maintaining native plant gardens for many years. In that time I have witnessed the struggles of many species due to non-native plants crowding out our natives. There is a local and symbiotic relationship between native species. Insects often evolve with particular plants as hosts and when those plants are crowded out by non-natives they struggle and often go extinct. It is important to try and mitigate this problem wherever we can, including and especially on public lands. I see so many areas on the sides of highways and in medians and parks all around the state that have been taken over by callery pear and japanese knotweed and so many other invasive non-natives. The other thing I see is swaths of non-native grasses that need to be mowed and in some cases fertilizers and pesticides and other poisons are used to control them. All horrible for the environment. As a result our native insect populations are drastically declining, our bird populations are in decline and on and on up the food chain. This imbalance is critical. We need to use native plants and trees in these spaces to try and bring balance back to our natural environment. That is why this bill is so important.

Please pass this bill out of committee and to the House floor with a recommendation for passage.

Sincerely,

Zachary Paquette, East Providence-

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