

Testimony in support of H7618: Protection of Trees and Plants generally

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

This is an extremely reasonable and straight-forward bill. By increasing fines for damaging trees or other vegetation which are state property it may therefore increase the deterrence for committing such damage. These plants are state property and should be valued as any state property would be if purposefully damaged without authorization. Such damage could also result in significant effects on habitats, soil conditions, water flow and cleanliness, and other negative environmental consequences. Thank you.