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**Re: Support for S2352**

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**To** SLegislation <slegislation@rilegislature.gov>

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Update: the bill number is actually S2352. Sorry about that!

On Mon, Apr 6, 2026 at 9:58 AM Corrie Pikul <[cbpikul@gmail.com](mailto:cbpikul@gmail.com)> wrote:

Chair Sosnowski and honorable members of the Senate Environment and Agriculture Committee:

My name is Corrie Pikul and I live in Barrington, RI.

I am writing to urge you to support ~~S2353~~ S2352 (McKenney), which would prohibit the importation, transportation, disbursement, distribution, sale, or purchase of any species of non-native (exotic) invasive plants.

Invasive plants are a specific category of non-native plant that have been shown to wreak havoc on local ecosystems by spreading exponentially and crowding out native plant species. The problem is that most people don't know an invasive plant when they see one, and often buy them accidentally.

Rhode Island is one of only four states without a prohibited plant sale list, a list that restricts the sale and distribution of invasive plants, and the only state in New England without one. This bill would prohibit the sale of these plant species at nurseries, garden centers and anywhere plants are sold in the state. Research has shown that 60% of invasive plants are introduced through their intentional sale and planting (Beaury et al., 2021). With the passage of this helpful bill, well-intentioned gardeners like me would be less likely to accidentally buy an invasive, harmful plant, and would be more likely to make a choice that is better and more sustainable for their garden as well as for the surrounding environment.

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

Sincerely,  
Corrie Pikul  
Barrington, RI

EM, Beaury, Patrick M, and Bradley BA. "Invaders for sale: the ongoing spread of invasive species by the plant trade industry." 2021.