

**Support for S2352 (Correction to previous email)**

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

Email: SLegislation@rilegislature.gov

CC: Senator Lauria

April 6, 2026

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

My name is Jody Tanzman and I live in Barrington.

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

Rhode Island is one of only five 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. 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 plants species.

Some of these native plant species are the ONLY plants that can support the egg cycle and growth of particular insects. By allowing invasive plants to flourish and destroy our native plants, we are effectively putting our native plants and insects towards the path of extinction.


This bill would prohibit the sale of these plant species at nurseries, garden centers and anywhere plants are sold in the state, thus ensuring the survival of these fragile ecosystems.

Thank you for your time and support of this important bill.

Sincerely,

Jody Tanzman

Barrington, Bristol County, Rhode Island

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