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Subject: Support for bill H5099

We are pleased to submit written testimony to support House Bill 5099. This bill would support best practices for environmental highway maintenance. In addition to the aesthetic benefits of native species, this would benefit bees and other pollinators that are so critical to a sustainable ecosystem. I also want to emphasize the opportunity for improved drainage and the reduced cost of maintenance in comparison to traditional mowed grasses. We would like to encourage the house to support bill H5099. It's a "natural thing" to do (pun intended).

Respectfully submitted

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