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Mr. Louis Mansolillo

House Committee on Environment and Natural Resources, Clerk  
Rhode Island State House,  
Providence, Rhode Island 02903

February 3, 2025

Dear Mr. Mansolillo

Please accept this email as written testimony in support of H5099, to be addressed at the House Environmental and Natural Resources Committee hearing on Thursday Feb 6.

This organization is committed to native plant propagation and restoration as a means of addressing habitat loss and the impacts of climate change. Legislation supporting the planting of pollinator friendly native species of trees, shrubs and plants within limits of roadways, including state highways, could not be more timely or appropriate. This could add immeasurably to the work of conservation groups and agencies across the state dedicated to improving habitat on private and public lands.

May I suggest to the Committee that the RI Wild Plant Society be included as an excellent source of suggestions for the types of plantings to be used.

I am most grateful for Committee members' initiation and review of this important legislative initiative with the hope it will be enthusiastically supported.

Most sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Abigail Brooks".

Abigail Brooks, President

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