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Thank you for the courage to reverse decades of loss. This loss is all around us as the loss of pollinators has been a world wide process and the consequences are seen in our lives. Systems thinking requires that leadership take note of the unnoticed, the quiet loss of insects, and of the diversity of our wild and struggling plant life. These do not vote. But in their effects, we all depend upon their support. We need this bill, HB2679, as a part of our efforts to reverse the impact of our "reported" successes, all that seems to be mirrored in a weed free green grass urban growth vision. In a system with delicate links, the loss of pieces gets played out in damage to the whole. Thus our birds are fewer in number, our flowering natives struggle, trees seemingly grow less vigorously, and the micro-climates of our urban / rural households show declining vigor. All downstream effects of nitrogenoids, water pollutants, and temperature shifts. Please pass this bill and then push further as our legacy requires amending through thoughtful planning and leadership.