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I fully support this bipartisan proposal since plants provide the base of functional ecosystems that protect the landscape and waters, and organisms upon which we depend.

They also provide a means to reduce landslides, and provide a wealth of cultural, historic and economic values, as well as beauty that all can appreciate. Protecting rare or endemic plants also makes us more aware of the problems created by invasive, non-native plants and the other insect or animals pests that threaten our habitats.

The educational value of participation in ecosystem management, habitat restoration, and green landscapes in our homes, businesses, parks and state forests.

Best regards, and thanks for considering this bill seriously!

Sincerely,

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