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HB 950 - SUPPORT

Maryland Native Plants Program Senator Brooks Education, Energy, and the Environment

Dear Chair Barve, Vice-Chair Stein, and members of the Environment and Transportation Committee,

This bill promotes the sale of plants native to the state by establishing an official native plant identifying logo and assisting consumers who are so inclined with locating sellers of native plants.

A native plant is one which likely had a presence within our state prior to European settlement. Our native wildlife evolved with the plants here, some can only feed on plants they co-evolved with. Native plants supply food for insects and wildlife that are food for other wildlife. They also provide wildlife habitat more generally (cover and places to rear their young). Native plants are well adapted to our climate and soils and as a result are generally easier to grow and easier to maintain, needing little or no pruning, deadheading, watering, or fertilizing. Please vote for this bill.

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