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To Whom it may concern,

Holly Hill Farms, Inc is a large (60 acres) family owned and operated nursery located in Cecil County, Maryland. We employ approximately 25-30 people seasonally.

I am writing to let you know that Bill HB979/SB915 would significantly impact our nursery business economically. I am not in favor of changing our current program to regulate invasive plants. We grow a variety of ornamental shrubs, perennials, trees and natives. We also grow Berberis, Buddleia, Euonymus Alatus, Mahonia, Nandina, Spiraea and Viburnum which is listed invasive. If this bill is passed, it would knock our sales volume down by approximately 20-25%. Also, we would lose sales to other nurseries & landscapers that are out of state. This would also impact our local economy! We would have to lay off our employees and down size considerably.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "John Farrow", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

John Farrow

President