



To whom it may concern,

I am the owner of The Perennial Farm in Glen Arm MD. We have been in business here in Maryland for over 40 years growing Native Plants. I have a number of concerns about House Bill 950 first and foremost lines 13 and 14 stating this bill doesn't include native cultivars. This would eliminate many native species that are good pollinators which is the main reason to have and use native plants.

I have been in contact with many of the growers in Maryland that grow these plants and they feel the same way I do and if this bill is voluntary as it states there will not be many growers like me signing up for it. Next is that many growers like myself are already promoting native plants across the State and have their own programs with the marketing materials that go with the program which would make things redundant.

Lastly, if anyone wants to put together and have a native program this can be done now without any regulations. Native Plants are important and there is already a lot being done across the State in their behalf which to me makes this bill seem unnecessary!

Thank you,
Richard Watson