

Committee: Environment and Transportation

Testimony on HB 979 Biodiversity and Agricultural Protection Act

Position: Favorable

Hearing Date: February 28, 2024

I am a native-plant landscape designer based in Montgomery County. Residents contact me hoping to make their backyards pollinator friendly with native plants. When I visit, I find that nearly every yard has invasive plants deliberately planted for their ornamental value. Homeowners are dismayed to learn that the plants they purchased from reputable nurseries are harmful to the environment. Removing invasive plants for sale will help well meaning gardeners make better plant choices. I request a favorable report on HB 979.

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