



In Favor of:

'An Act to Establish a Comprehensive and Interagency Approach to Invasive Species Management'

Senator Talbot Ross, Representative Plucker and Members of the Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry Committee my name is Jesse O'Brien and I am from Portland. As the spokesperson of the Ornamental Horticulture Council which includes the Maine Landscape and Nursery Association, we are **in Favor of LD 1661.**

We as a group have participated over the years in the development and updating of Chapter 273, Criteria for Listing Invasives Terrestrial Plants of the DACF Horticultural program. Some of the information in that chapter includes: A Do Not Sell List of Invasives Plants, A Watch List and Plants of Special Concern.

We appreciate being included in the establishment of this council and look forward to this comprehensive interagency approach of management of all invasives species.

Thank you,

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