



MISSOURI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
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As a conservationist and user of our great Missouri natural spaces. I support this bill and wish it went further. We should have a mechanism for adding additional species to this list as needed. In its current form, I believe Autumn Olive and Bush Honeysuckle should be added to the list of prohibited invasives. I am not sure why these two species, two of the worst offenders in our natural spaces and pasture, are not included in the bill. Passing the current bill would be like creating a list of famous gangsters and omitting Al Capone.



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**This bill would be such a win for native plants in our state.**



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I support this bill and believe that invasive and dangerous plants should be monitored and regulated more. I've seen in my own neighborhood how often bradford pears fall on sidewalks and into the street. I watch the winter creeper and honeysuckle take over multiple areas chocking out natives and reducing food for wild life. Legislation like this is just a start to restoring our ecosystems and keeping the area habitable for all lifeforms.



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Invasive species are a symptom of a lack of diversity. Farmers cannot afford to fertilize and grasslands are marginalized by cropland politics that continue to help CAFO at the expense of grassland farmers. Diverse native grasslands and savannas can be established for the purpose of grazing and decrease invasive species while increasing grassland production with little to no fertilizer. Soil health can be increased while providing ecosystem benefits to wildlife. Please if I can come and tell my story about diverse native grasslands contact me.



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I support this bill to revise a section of Missouri State Statute 263.070 and replace it with revised language to prohibit nurseries/nursery dealers from knowingly and intentionally selling the following species (common names): callery pear, burning bush, wintercreeper, Japanese honeysuckle, and serecia lespedeza. I can personally testify to the harmful effects invasives cause to our natural resources, including reduced biodiversity, habitat alteration, and competition with native species . These plants are incredibly difficult to remove and reduce to lessen their impact and lower landowner's property values.



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I support this bill. Thank you.



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**We need to maintain the native plant life, not the invasive plant life, it's so much better for our environment.**



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Dear Representative Bruce Sassmann and Honorable Committee Members,As a lifelong resident of St. Louis, I've cherished our city's abundant public parks. These green spaces are increasingly choked by invasive species. This distressing change compels me to support House Bill 2412, aimed at regulating the sale of harmful plant species in Missouri.The unchecked proliferation of invasive plants like the Callery Pear is not just an environmental concern, but also a loss of our natural heritage. These species disrupt the ecological balance, negatively impacting Missouri native plants and animals and diminishing the recreational value of our cherished public spaces.House Bill 2412 offers a proactive solution to safeguard our public parks from further degradation. It is crucial to address this issue now to begin the task of preserving the natural beauty and biodiversity of our public spaces for future generations of Missourians.Thank you for considering my perspective and for your commitment to protecting our shared environment.Sincerely,Andrew Warner





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**We need natural plants and animal to support local environment**



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Though I do not currently live in Missouri I shop at Missouri nurseries, work on invasive plant removal projects in Missouri and am a volunteer Master Naturalist and a Nature Advisor with Deep Roots, including advising clients to remove invasives that out-compete the native plants needed by wildlife. We don't need these non-native invasives being sold at nurseries to unsuspecting customers and then adding to our current issues



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Please support HB 2412. With the continued growth of development into natural areas, it is critical for each of us to contribute to conservation and native planting in our own backyards. These efforts can be thwarted by accidental planting of invasive species by unknowing customers who buy these from garden centers because they don't know any better, ruining our beautiful state's native resources. Birds will eat seeds and berries from these plants and accidentally spread them even to those of us who try to avoid planting. They also give fewer nutrients to native birds and other animals who eat them. We need to stop them from taking over!



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I have been following the Missouri Invasive Plant Council’s work on this topic and was thrilled to see that Representative Sassmann had submitted HB 2412. I became a Missouri Master Naturalist in 2017 and have worked on a number of invasive plant removal projects. In 2020, I began working with UCity in Bloom staff and volunteers to remove bush honeysuckle, Japanese honeysuckle and Wintercreeper from Ruth Park Woods, a 26 acre University City park that was infested with these invasives to the extent that mature trees were unable to regenerate, native plants were crowded out and birds and other wildlife were unable to find nutritious food. These invasive plants are not easy to eradicate and Ruth Park Woods will be a lifetime project for us. I know at first hand just how aggressive and damaging invasive plants can be. HB 2412 is a step in the right direction and has my wholehearted support.



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**I support HB2412. The sale of these harmful species should be prohibited.**



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Dear Representatives, As someone who just spent thousands of dollars clearing my small backyard of honeysuckle and other invasive plants and is now working hard to repopulate the area with native plants that will thrive, support the plant and animal environment, and not negatively impact the area, I'm asking you to support this legislation and move it out of committee for a full vote. Many people don't understand the long-term consequences of allowing invasive plants to grow. While we can try to educate them about the risks that exist, and we should, it would be easier to limit the ability to do harm by cutting off the supply, which this legislation will do.



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**I will testify in-person with a prepared statement in support of HB2412.**



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Open Space Council is a non-profit organization founded in 1965. For almost 60 years we have worked to secure and restore open spaces to sustain the natural resources of the St. Louis Region. Through our Operation Wild Lands and Community Stewardship Alliance Programs, our approximately 500 volunteers remove invasive wintercreeper, honeysuckle, lespedeza and callery pear trees each year working in partnership with St. Louis County Parks, MO Department of Conservation, several municipalities and MO State Parks. In 2023 alone, we treated and cleared over 12 acres of invasive species from public lands in the St. Louis area. Our volunteers know first hand the destruction these plants are having on our native ecosystems. We support this bill as it will help to assist in reducing the continuous spread of these invasive plants. Curbing the sale of these plants in combination with removal efforts by volunteers, landowners and land managers will set us on the right path of helping our native ecosystems to regenerate and support healthy habitats for wildlife and healthy places for people to enjoy and recreate.





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Please vote yes for HB 2412. As a resident of St. Charles County, I have witnessed the destruction of useable land from the species listed in this bill. I have participated in invasive species removal in St. Charles City parks, Universities, and my own land. Callery Pear is spreading like wildfire absorbing any fallow field and MoDOT roadsides. Winter creeper and Japanese honeysuckle clog out woodlands so nothing can grow to repopulate our forests. Burning bush is colonizing open woodlands. All of these have competitive advantages to either be evergreen or leaf out first and drop leaves last. Sericea lespedeza is taking over pond edges and wetland areas and is so difficult to remove. I urge you to think about wildlife not able to find edible plants and berries they evolved with and are forced to eat these low nutrient foods. Also hunting and recreational opportunities are squandered with forests and open land clogged with non-native and non-useful species. We allowed the problem to start and with your vote of yes in supporting this bill, Missouri will start the process of fixing what we have allowed to occur. Thanks so much for reading my testimony. Sincerely, Brian Ferris



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As citizens of Reynolds County, concerned with the health of Missouri’s environment, we ask that you support HB2412, prohibiting the sale and distribution of certain invasive plants. With Missouri’s ecosystems under assault from a wide variety of threats, including climate instability, intensive agricultural practices, etc., the continued sale of invasive plants is one threat that the House Conservation and Natural Resources Committee can do something about now. The plants listed are degrading large areas of the State by displacing native plants, reducing available habitat for native pollinators and contributing to an alarming decline in these vital components of a healthy environment. As members of East Ozarks Audubon, in collaboration with Missouri Department of Conservation, we have been engaged in a multi-year fight to suppress honeysuckle which is severely impacting Farmington’s only wildlife refuge at the sanctuary we manage in a Engler Park. As rural homeowners, we personally spend countless hours and resources attempting to control sericea lespedeza and Japanese honeysuckle from our property. Allowing the sale of these plants to continue is adding fuel to the fire and undoing the best efforts to eliminate infestations. We don’t doubt that there will be opposition from the nursery trade, but healthy alternatives of non-invasive, or preferably native shrubs and trees, are readily available and can make up for lost sales of the damaging plants. Convenience for the nursery trade must be balanced against the enormous damage to the State environment that these plants represent. Please help turn these unwanted immigrants into illegal aliens. Respectively submitted Bruce and Norma Fraser Reynolds County, MO



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I fully support the non native invasive plants species bill. As a small farm business owner, I spend many hours removing non natives but mostly bush honeysuckle plants and it is endless! They are taking over our road ditches in western MO and preventing the native plants from thriving and multiplying. I did not realize they were even available at the nurseries still and they definitively should not be. At our Christmas Tree Farm, I have focused on planting native wildflowers for the birds, butterflies and insects to help control the harmful bugs to trees. This has allowed us to not use pesticides which is a benefit to all of the birds, butterflies, etc. I will continue to do this but it is very difficult when one honeysuckle plant can be spread for miles by birds who eat the berries, get no nutritional benefit and then spread the seed to new areas. Burning bush, Callery Pear, climbing euonymus, sericea lespedeza and Japanese honeysuckle are a good start though there are many more! Sericea lespedeza has become a hugh problem for Kansas landowners who have prairied. We need to stop it before it is a major problem for all of MO grasslands and prairies. thank you for considering this bill and hopefully passing it!



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**These plants are incredibly invasive and damaging our threatened local ecologies. I urge you so vote in support of this bill.**



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BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: <b>CASSI BOCK LANDSCAPING AND FLOWER GARDENS LLC</b>		TITLE: <b>OWNER/OPERATOR</b>
ADDRESS: <b>271 OHANA LANE</b>		
CITY: <b>JACKSON</b>		STATE: <b>MO</b>
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EMAIL: <b>grun.haven@yahoo.com</b>	ATTENDANCE: <b>Written</b>	SUBMIT DATE: <b>1/21/2024 6:08 PM</b>

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**My name is Cassi Holcomb, Cassi Bock Landscaping and Flower Gardens LLC. I am a Missouri resident, business owner and land owner. I spent my childhood in the wilds of our wonderful state thinking Japanese honeysuckle was native because of how much ground it covered. Upon entering the horticulture world as an adult I was educated in traditional landscape practices. I also learned about the native flora and became to realize what I was seeing in the natural areas in our neck of the woods. The beginning of my professional career I noticed how plant species were being used, like in fashion, plants usage goes on popularity and there had been so many non native invasives had gone through the landscape trends. They became familiar and continued to be used even once the industry noticed how they escape into natural areas creating loss of habitat as well as a ton of resources going into removal and management continuously. It is an aggravating chore when there are so many other wonderful things people could be paying me to do. HB 2412 addresses the issue in the most common sense way, stop growing and selling these plants.**



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I support HB 2412. We need our native vegetation in Missouri in order to have our ecosystem thrive. When people go to nurseries to buy trees, shrubs or vines they assume that they are good for the environment. Not many of us have the time or energy to research and find native plants. HB 2412 will take the guesswork out of choosing plants that benefit our native birds, insects and other wildlife.



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I am a Boone county resident and life long Missouri citizen of 65 years and an owner of pasture and wooded acreage. I would like to bring to your attention the many, many hours I have expended on our property and also as a local volunteer to try and eradicate these invasive and detrimental species on public lands. These are lost hours of productivity which likewise are the same for Public Works departments as well as public funds. Additionally, the use of herbicides which would otherwise be unnecessary increases risks to Missouri native species and the demand for those herbicides which places upward cost pressures to farmers for those same pesticides. Missouri has had a long and Nationally recognized history of successful management of our beautiful natural resources and this is the moment in time to continue that tradition and stewardship by stepping forward to prohibit the continued introduction of these invasive species for the inheritance of Missouri for our children, grandchildren and the countless generations to follow. Thank you, Cecelia Glynn





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BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: <b>ROANOKE PARK CONSERVANCY</b>		TITLE: <b>VOLUNTEER NATURALIST, BOARD DIRECTOR</b>	
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CITY: <b>KANSAS CITY</b>		STATE: <b>MO</b>	ZIP: <b>64111</b>
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Roanoke Park Conservancy supports HB 2412 and the reduction of invasive species plants in Missouri it will contribute to. Roanoke Park is a historic 37 acre park in Kansas City, Missouri. With the goal of ecological restoration in the park, we expend thousands of hours and thousands of dollars attempting to control invasive species plants. Wintercreeper is a major problem, covering almost half of the park's 13 wooded acres in a 2020 assessment. Where wintercreeper grows, it displaces almost every other plant. This past fall we began using a recently awarded City grant to hire forestry contractors to spray our carpets of wintercreeper and several other invasive species: bush honeysuckle, Eurasian buckthorn and Tree of Heaven. We have less severe but persistent problems with HB 2412's other species and wholly support their being removed from sale. Only sericea lespedeza is not present in Roanoke Park but we know of other parks that have major infestations, such as Jerry Smith Park, home of Kansas City Missouri's only remnant prairie. Invasive species harm the environment by creating food desserts for native wildlife. They cost landowners and land managers time and money. The short term financial interests of the horticultural industry pale in comparison. We will lose the natural heritage of Missouri if we allow invasive species plants to win. HB 2412 is a step in the right direction. Chris DeLongRoanoke Park Conservancy



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EMAIL: <b>edmondson.christina@gmail.com</b>	ATTENDANCE: <b>Written</b>		SUBMIT DATE: <b>1/19/2024 2:52 PM</b>
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I am a natural resource professional that battles invasive plant species in our beautiful, natural Missouri landscape on a day-to-day basis. The continued sale of these invasive plants directly negates the work that myself and other natural resource professional complete. Invasive plants are a detriment to the native flora and fauna of the State. They take over habitats, pulling in all the resources for themselves including space, light, nutrients, and more. There are some species that change the soil composition to better suit their needs. These invasive plants out compete our native plants and they must be stopped. One leg of the success stool is to stop the sale of these awful species to anyone in Missouri. This action will better help to support the work that natural resources managers try to do every day.



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**As one who has spent countless hours removing invasive species from Missouri, I strongly urge passage of HB 2412. One only has to drive along roads or walk in nature to witness the destruction these plants are causing to our state and nation's ecology. I would recommend banning the sale of all non-native species.**



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WITNESS NAME: <b>CODY HAYO</b>		PHONE NUMBER: <b>314-282-1084</b>	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: <b>PRETTY CITY GARDENS AND LANDSCAPES LLC</b>		TITLE:	
ADDRESS: <b>4930 DELOR STREET</b>			
CITY: <b>ST. LOUIS</b>		STATE: <b>MO</b>	ZIP: <b>63109</b>
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I would like to express support for HB 2412 as a business owner of Pretty City Gardens and Landscapes LLC. We plant and manage gardens and landscapes in the St. Louis area including the removal of many invasive plant species. HB 2412 is a step in the right direction as far as ceasing the sale of invasive plant species in Missouri goes.



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I am the Chair of the Green Practices Commission in University City, MO, and am part of a group working to restore our local Ruth Park Woods back to a healthy state. Every week we chop down and dig out wintercreeper, Japanese honeysuckle, and other invasives, and then seed or plant natives in their place. The invasives choke the life out of everything else, and with their removal, we are already seeing more wildlife (a bald eagle last week!). An ounce of prevention (not selling invasives) is worth a pound of cure.



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**As a naturalist, educator, and resident of Missouri I support this bill to prevent the sale of non-native invasive plant species. Future generations deserve and depend on a healthy environment, this bill will be the first step in shifting perspectives on what it means to take care of our community.**



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**Invasive species are detrimental to the natural habitat. Unknowingly homeowners purchase these widelyavailable plants and trees. Responsible retailers and growers protect the natural habitats and provide suitable alternatives. All retailers should follow suit.**





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**Kudos to Bruce Sassmann and all who have worked toward HB2412 to prohibit the sale of five invasive plant species in Missouri. It is incredibly gratifying to see Missouri representatives support the ecological health of our state and address this issue that many in our state have struggled with for years. I am an ecologist and botanist who has watched the rapid spread of these species over the course of my career since the late 1990's and have seen the ramifications of their unchecked expansion. From erosion control issues to the decline of native birds and insect pollinators, to the amount of time and funding spent on eradication from our pristine natural areas---the impact of these non-native plants results in broad ecological and economic consequences. I applaud those of you who support this bill which will protect the native beauty and ecological integrity of our great state. I further encourage you to continue to add plant species to the list, especially the Bush Honeysuckles (Lonicera maackii, Lonicera morrowii, and Lonicera tatarica). As a future consideration, it is also relevant to note that many invasive species thrive in disturbed soil. Few realize that once soil is damaged it may never fully recover to support the plant communities that thrived in that location. Or, soil recovery can take many years, presumably sometimes hundreds or even more. Undisturbed soil contains low soil nutrients and supports the high-quality and most sensitive, sometimes rare, native plants that comprise our native forests, prairies, and glades. These high quality native species have adapted to the low soil nutrients in ancient, intact soils over thousands of years. Conversely, disturbed or damaged soil promotes the growth of invasive species and weedy natives which prefer the high level of nutrients that are released in broken and disturbed soil particles. The move toward ending the introduction of these invasive plants is laudable and a monumental step toward preserving and protecting the ecological integrity of Missouri. I hope it is the first of many steps toward this goal and that future work may include the soil protection issue I presented above which will further decrease the number of invasive species impacting Missouri.**



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As a professional ecologist who is a resident of St. Louis County, I would like to express my support for this legislation that will restrict the sale of five invasive plant species. In my past work as a restoration ecologist with Missouri Botanical Garden, I observed the negative impact of these aggressive species on landowners' ability to enjoy their property. The species in question readily spread throughout neighborhoods, making property management a difficult, time-consuming chore for individual homeowners. In addition to the harm to individuals, the invasive species under consideration in this legislation are a proven danger to ecosystem health. These aggressive plants take over habitats, preventing the growth of native plants that are the foundation of the local food web. This has repercussions in soil health, erosion, water quality, pollinator populations, and many other aspects of environmental health that are vital to human health and economic stability in Missouri.



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I, Danielle Fox, of Columbia, MO support HB2412 - Nonnative Invasive Plant Species. Nonnative invasive plants are commonly sold and planted in gardens all across the country. These plants, typically unbeknownst to the purchaser, have the capacity to reduce the quality of the environment by crowding out native plants. Native plants are indigenous to an area and have evolved with local wildlife which recognizes them as food. Some species who only eat certain plants, such as many caterpillars, will not survive without these native plants. Prohibiting the use of nonnative invasive plants in our home landscapes will help protect what little nature we have left that is untouched and give land managers, homeowners, governments, and businesses a chance to control and maybe one day eliminate already established nonnative invasive plants in Missouri. This action has potential to create a healthier environment for all of us and save individuals, local governments, and the state money in the long run. I support the adoption of this bill in its entirety.



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I am a Master Gardener. My experience in that group has taught me the damage invasive nonnative plants can do. They crowd out many native and nonnative plants which contribute positively to the environment. There is no logic in allowing plants to be sold on which so much money and time is spent to be rid of in our state.



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I have several of these invasives on my property. Fortunately the Bradford pear was felled during a storm and replaced by a native oak. These invasive plants do not belong anywhere in Missouri, and I spend hours each season trying to get rid of them. They are not beneficial to our native invertebrates; they often outcompete those plants that ARE desirable and beneficial. The wintercreeper in my yard was advertised as a good groundcover years ago. I rue the day I purchased it, and now cannot get rid of it without harm to the environment or the invertebrates that live in the soil. Please pass this bill so that other Missourians will have choices that are still very attractive, attract pollinators and other fauna, and are better for our ecosystem.



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EMAIL: <b>dlaemml@gmail.com</b>	ATTENDANCE: <b>Written</b>	SUBMIT DATE: <b>1/20/2024 1:16 PM</b>
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The species included in this bill are threatening our ecosystem. They are choking out crucial native species. Because they have so few local animals and insects that use them, they spread extremely rapidly. It's time to take responsibility and stop the spread of these invasive species.



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EMAIL: <b>kndrenner@yahoo.com</b>	ATTENDANCE: <b>Written</b>	SUBMIT DATE: <b>1/21/2024 5:31 PM</b>
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**These invasive species are destroying the natural beauty of Missouri. Do not permit them to be brought into or through Missouri at any time and promote our natural plants, wildlife, fish and most of all: BEAUTY.**



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EMAIL: <b>djsher@fairpoint.net</b>		ATTENDANCE: <b>Written</b>	SUBMIT DATE: <b>1/23/2024 12:33 PM</b>

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I am urging support of HB 2412, the Invasive Plant Bill. Passage of this bill would withhold registration-inspection certification (necessary to sell plants) if a nursery or nursery dealer knowingly and intentionally sells or distributes burning bush (*Euonymus alatus*), Callery pear (*Pyrus calleryana* and its cultivars, including Bradford and Chanticleer), climbing euonymus (*Euonymus fortunei*; also known as wintercreeper); Japanese honeysuckle (*Lonicera japonica*), and sericea lespedeza (*Lespedeza cuneata*). Passage of this bill would, in time, save a very significant amount of public and private money and time spent fighting these aggressive non-native plants that are increasingly overtaking pastures, natural areas, prairie plantings, and roadsides and impacting stream health. The proliferation of these exotic invaders greatly reduce native habitat necessary for our native pollinators, birds, and other wildlife. I speak as a private property owner encountering increasing infestations of these plants in spite of my costly, time-consuming, and ongoing efforts to eradicate them. Again, I urge you to take the very significant step of supporting HB 2412. Thank you for considering my request.





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**We support HB2412. The sale of these harmful species should be prohibited!DR STEPHEN AND MARILYN KOSHLAND24406 Timberlake TrailGreenwood, Mo 64034**



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WITNESS NAME: <b>DR. KEI Y. PANG AND SUSAN M. PANG</b>		PHONE NUMBER:
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EMAIL: <b>sownative@gmail.com</b>	ATTENDANCE: <b>Written</b>	SUBMIT DATE: <b>1/20/2024 12:30 PM</b>
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Susan is a MO Master Naturalist and became, also, a MO Master Gardener in 2010. We've owned several lots in St. Louis county, and much to our dismay, we've spent countless hours and time eradicating all of the five species on this Bill plus many others, like multiflora rose, English ivy, Privet and Johnson Grass, that are not on the bill. However we are glad to see that we are getting real about the harm and damages done to our eco systems by having plants that do not offer sustenance to native wildlife that have co-evolved with native plants (trees, shrubs, ground covers). I think that this is too little too late as millions of trees and acres are smothered in cloaks of winter creeper that are suffocating precious canopy trees. We walked through Mark Twain National Forest in Seligman/Barry County MO and noticed that the Wintercreeper is climbing trees and bluffs and infiltrating the Forests on the MO/AR border. Whether it is suburban, urban or deep woods, in the state of MO, we've been inundated by invasive plants that someday will be the only plants here if we don't choose to see the reality. As people who get our hands dirty and take hikes all over the state, we see, we know, we believe that this bill is in urgent need of being passed! Thank you for your time.



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Invasive species such as bush honeysuckle and callery pear have become a major problem for landowners and native ecosystems. Once established, they are extremely hard to get rid of, requiring significant investment of time and money. I urge you to pass HB2412 to curtail any further spread of the most harmful invasive species. Thank you.



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**Nonnative invasive plant species are harmful to the environment and can lead to loss of native plants and animals/insects that feed on them.**



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EMAIL: <b>emily.horner3@yahoo.com</b>	ATTENDANCE: <b>Written</b>	SUBMIT DATE: <b>1/19/2024 12:04 PM</b>
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As a conservation biologist in Missouri, I have spent over 3,000 hours combating and controlling invasive plant species on our remnant prairies, woodlands and wetlands, as well as on farm ground. A plant that was once deemed great for landscaping or erosion control, then turns into a scourge on the environment. Such is the case with the plants in this bill. We will never be able to gain ground on controlling these species if they are still allowed to be sold in Missouri. If they continue to be sold, it's just a vicious circle. There are so many alternatives to these plants that landscapers, homeowners, farmers, etc. can purchase and plant. Let the money go towards establishing noninvasive plants, and reduce the millions of dollars spent on controlling the invasive ones. Thank you.



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EMAIL: <b>esot28@mail.missouri.edu</b>		ATTENDANCE: <b>Written</b>	SUBMIT DATE: <b>1/20/2024 7:43 AM</b>

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As a Missouri homeowner and gardening enthusiast, I fully support this bill as a critical step in restoring and maintaining the beauty of Missouri - not only our wild spaces but also in my suburban KC community, at my parents' land in northeast Missouri, and everywhere else that we have an opportunity to support our diverse and beautiful native flora and fauna. My own community in the north of the KC metro area has been ravaged by several of the species named in this bill. When we acquired our home, the first order of business was to start ridding the property of Japanese honeysuckle and burning bush that was choking out our native dogwoods and junipers, and the dense unforgiving brush was an absolute haven for ticks. We are now able to garden and play in our yard, enjoy our native Missouri pollinator garden, and see our native trees and shrubs flourish while we protect them from these invasive thugs. Please support this bill so that my neighbors, HOA boards, municipal boards, and undereducated landscapers who are not malicious or uncaring, but are simply unaware of the dangers of these plants will no longer have access to them. There is no downside here. Any plant nursery or sales outlet who claims this will irreparably harm them has made an active choice to invest in stock that they are aware is dangerous, and the consequences are fair and deserved. They are not ignorant and should receive minimal consideration. It is not on the state of Missouri to subsidize their unethical business practices. Please place the interests of our state, the average citizen trying to responsibly beautify and maintain a small part of it, and our native flora and fauna above those of greedy business interests. Thank you for your time and for your support.



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EMAIL: <b>wildlife.erin@gmail.com</b>	ATTENDANCE: <b>Written</b>	SUBMIT DATE: <b>1/23/2024 9:35 AM</b>
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I am writing to support the passing of HB2412 that seeks to ban the sale of, export of, import of, propagation, and buying of the following invasive species: burning bush, callery pear, climbing euonymus, Japanese honeysuckle, and sericea lespedeza. This short list is a great start to addressing invasive species that cost homeowners and landowners money, state agencies money, and creates issues with native vegetation and wildlife. I would absolutely support additional legislation to include a longer list of invasive species to be prohibited and legislation that supports the use of native plant species to provide nature-based solutions as well.



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WITNESS NAME: <b>ETHAN</b>	PHONE NUMBER: <b>660-837-2888</b>	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: <b>MISSOURI RIVER BIRD OBSERVATORY</b>	TITLE:	
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CITY: <b>MARSHALL</b>	STATE: <b>MO</b>	ZIP: <b>65340</b>
EMAIL: <b>ethan.duke@mrbo.org</b>	ATTENDANCE: <b>Written</b>	SUBMIT DATE: <b>1/22/2024 9:05 AM</b>

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I am writing as the Director of the Missouri River Bird Observatory, an organization committed to the conservation of Missouri's bird populations and their habitats. Our work has provided us with a deep understanding of the challenges faced by our native ecosystems, particularly the threat posed by nonnative invasive plant species. Therefore, I wish to express our strong support for House Bill No. 2412, which helps address the critical issue of managing invasive species. This bill is essential for several reasons:

- 1. Prevention of Ecological Harm:** Invasive species like Callery pear (*Pyrus calleryana*), and Japanese honeysuckle (*Lonicera japonica*) have been shown to disrupt native plant communities, leading to a decline in biodiversity. This decline has a cascading effect on bird populations, which rely on native plants for food, nesting, and shelter.
- 2. Support for Native Ecosystems:** By enforcing stricter controls on the propagation and sale of invasive plants, the bill supports the preservation of native ecosystems. This is vital for maintaining the natural balance and ensuring the survival of native species, including birds.
- 3. Alignment with Conservation Efforts:** The bill aligns with the ongoing conservation efforts across Missouri, including those undertaken by our Observatory. Effective management of invasive species is a key component in our broader strategy to protect and restore bird habitats.
- 4. Educational and Research Opportunities:** The bill also presents an opportunity for increased public education and research on the impact of invasive species. As an organization deeply involved in these areas, we are ready to collaborate and contribute to these efforts.

In summary, House Bill No. 2412 is a necessary step towards safeguarding Missouri's diverse ecosystems from the adverse effects of invasive plants. The enactment of this bill will not only protect our native flora and fauna but will also preserve the natural heritage of Missouri for future generations. We urge your committee and the Missouri House of Representatives to recognize the importance of this bill and vote in its favor. The future of our natural communities depends on action such as this today. Thank you for your consideration of this vital issue and don't hesitate to reach out to me with any questions ([ethan.duke@mrbo.org](mailto:ethan.duke@mrbo.org)) Sincerely, Ethan Duke Co-Director, Missouri River Bird Observatory





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I am writing to you as the Director of the Missouri River Bird Observatory, an organization dedicated to the conservation of Missouri's bird populations and their habitats. Our mission is deeply intertwined with the health of our natural ecosystems, a matter that House Bill No. 1555 directly addresses. I wish to express our support for this bill, which proposes the establishment of a nonnative invasive plant list and a potentially invasive plant watchlist, granting the Department of Agriculture the authority to maintain and enforce both. The introduction of invasive plant species poses a significant threat to Missouri's native flora and fauna. Our work at the Observatory has provided us with firsthand evidence of the detrimental impacts these species have on our local ecosystems, particularly on bird populations. Grassland bird populations in particular are declining rapidly. Invasive plants like the Callery pear (*Pyrus calleryana*) and Japanese honeysuckle (*Lonicera japonica*) disrupt the native vegetation composition and structure that birds rely on for food, shelter, and nesting. This leads to a marked decrease in native bird populations and a disbalance in our ecosystem's health. Removal and management of invasive plants drain considerable time and resources devoted to land stewardship. The implementation of House Bill No. 1555 would mark a crucial step towards mitigating these impacts. By controlling the spread of invasive plant species, we can better preserve the native habitats that are vital for the survival of Missouri's birds. The bill's provisions for an invasive plant list and a watchlist, coupled with the Department of Agriculture's enforcement authority, will provide a much-needed framework to systematically address this issue. Moreover, the bill's approach to managing invasive species aligns with our commitment to science-based conservation practices. In closing, the Missouri River Bird Observatory supports the passage of House Bill No. 1555. This bill is a necessary legislative action for the conservation of Missouri's rich biodiversity and the protection of our avian species. We urge the House to consider the long-term environmental, economic, and ecological benefits of this bill and vote in favor of its enactment. Thank you for your time and consideration of this critical issue. I'd be happy to answer any questions about invasive species and their effects on native bird populations. Sincerely, Ethan Duke Co-Director, Missouri River Bird Observatory



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**I strongly support HB 2412 because I have seen statewide devastation the five invasive species listed.  
Please vote yes to HB 2412.Thank you,Francine Glass**



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Please protect our natural resources and prevent further sale of invasive species in Missouri. These species have already done enough harm without more people willingly planting them out of overwhelming ignorance and/or malevolence. I have watched the forests and fields of my childhood transform in the past 20 years from the diverse plant communities native to our state into a disgusting conglomeration of Asian ornamentals. All the while our natural places have become increasingly devoid of life, and with it is forever gone the awe and wonder of nature for future generations.



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**I AM ABSOLUTLY IN SUPPORT OF PASSING HB 2412,Thank you for your consideration.**



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BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: <b>THE NATURE CONSERVANCY</b>		TITLE: <b>DEPUTY DIRECTOR- CONSERVATION POLICY</b>	
ADDRESS: <b>1054 E SEMINOLE</b>			
CITY: <b>SPRINGFIELD</b>		STATE: <b>MO</b>	ZIP: <b>65807</b>
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HB2412 is not only ecologically smart, but also economically beneficial for government spending. Invasive species are perhaps the biggest threat to our state's rich, biodiverse heritage by outcompeting our native species -- species that benefit all of us, and that we should be proud of. Missouri is fortunate to be home to a variety of unique ecosystems, like prairie, glades, river bottomland, forests, the Ozarks, oak savannas, the list goes on and on. The species named in this bill to be prohibited are undoubtedly the riskiest invasive species with the ability to overtake ecosystems rapidly -- even when sold for landscaping or residential use, invasive species mentioned in this bill don't stay put and find themselves entering our larger ecosystems through seed dispersal via birds. Think about your favorite Missouri stream, a moment of peace you've found in our grasslands or forests; now, imagine that scene covered in completely unsightly plant species not even from Missouri or the United States that are actively working to disturb and permanently alter our native landscapes that have been here for centuries, telling the story of Missouri's natural history. Thankfully, our state has several efforts to combat invasive species, but the large majority of them are funded by governmental efforts. The state spends a large sum to mitigate invasive species, and would save money through the enactment of this bill by limiting the number of invasive species that are promulgated into our landscapes.



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Good Evening committee members, I would like to provide written testimony in favor of this bill banning the sale of several invasive plant species. I am an eighteen year old High school senior at Jefferson City Public High school, I am an avid hunter, fisherman, and hiker who is concerned in preserving Missouri's natural heritage for generations to come. Unfortunately the planting, and subsequent escaping of invasive plant species in Missouri has already damaged sections of our natural forests and grasslands. By outcompeting native plant species, invasive plants harm Missouri ecosystems by reducing the food/habitat sources for dozens of species of wildlife. By the passing of this bill together we can reduce the spread of these invasive plants and preserve Missouri's natural heritage for generations to come.





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HB 2412 sponsored by Bruce Sassman of District 061 would prohibit the future sales and intentional distribution of 5 invasive plant species in the state of Missouri: Burning bush (*Euonymus alatus*), Callery Pear (*Pyrus calleryana* and its cultivars), Climbing euonymus (*Euonymus fortunei*), Japanese Honeysuckle (*Lonicera japonica*), and Sericea lespedeza (*Lespedeza cuneata*). I am writing you to encourage support of this bill in order to protect our state's natural resources and heritage which has been severely compromised by the continued expansion of these plants. I would also encourage adding to the list Bush honeysuckle (*Lonicera maackii* (Amur) and *Lonicera x bella* (bella) and well as other species as outlined in the Missouri Invasive Plant Council's list through the Missouri Prairie Foundation. I further encourage you to read about the impact of invasive plant species in our state on the Missouri Department of Conservation's website as well as the Missouri Prairie Foundation. Thank you for your support and representation. Jana Wade



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I am in support of nonnative invasive plant species.



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This bill is the result of a thoughtful, considered process of stakeholder engagement, that took place over a significant length of time. There is nothing rushed, hasty or superficial in this bill. Passage of HB 2412 will support efforts underway by conservation organizations, concerned landowners, ecological experts, and the Green Industry (horticultural professionals) to curb the influx of a sensibly limited number of plants KNOWN to have enormous negative impacts on private and public lands. Ceasing the sale of these plants, as a statewide agreed-upon practice backed up with state agency enforcement powers, is a sensible, economically reasonable way to help keep plants with no known natural competitors from compromising MORE of Missouri's ecological health. Any concerns on the part of plant sellers about potential loss of revenue from cessation of sale of these FIVE types of plants will be more than compensated if and when sellers join the knowledgeable, responsible ranks of plants professionals advocating for native plant species - which are hugely popular throughout the state. There is NO lack of customer base for the plants that contribute to ecological health! THANKS to the Missouri Legislature for passing HB 2412 with strong bi-partisan support. I am an environmental education professional with significant knowledge about this subject matter, however I am writing this statement as a concerned and educated citizen and voter.



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**We mist ban the sale of these extremely aggressive non native plants which are taking over our natural AND pastural lands in MO. I strongly support this ban for the benefit of our native flora and our people.**



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I completely support the passage of HB2412. Many invasive species, including those addressed in this bill, have caused and will continue to cause countless billions of dollars in damage to agriculture and have degraded the quality of woodlands and aquatic resources across the United States. As a farmer, I have to continually work to grow crops infested with non-native Johnson grass and to root out the Asian bush honeysuckle that is now an invading nuisance in my fence rows and woods. Various forms of the ornamental pear mutations are also now appearing in the fields and woodlands. Non-native suburban ornamentals serve absolutely no necessary purpose beyond a curiosity for the ignorant and selfish people who plant them. To purposely contribute to the spread of these species is counterproductive and a failure of public policy.



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I wholeheartedly support passage of HB 2412. I have seen how much my municipality (Webster Groves, Missouri) spends to remove invasive plants from our city parks. Bush Honeysuckle and wintercreeper spread aggressively, and make parks inaccessible. I have volunteered multiple times to remove these invasive plants from our city parks. I also know that state agencies, such as the Mo Dept. of Conservation and MO State Parks have to devote resources to address invasive species on state land. The common sense solution is to cease the sale of these invasive plants in our state. When you are digging yourself into a hole, the first thing to do is put down the shovel!



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**Please support HB2412. It can be an effective and low cost way to slow the spread of some very common invasive plants.**



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As a horticulture professional who has worked in the nursery and landscaping business and more recently in the habitat restoration business I want to voice my full support for this bill. Invasive species are destroying the native landscape in Missouri. In addition to the widespread impact this has on flora and fauna it also reduces the beauty for people to see when they come to our wonderful state. It is our responsibility to protect and restore our native landscape for future generations. I personally have spent hundreds of hours removing invasive species from my farm in Crawford county as part of my habitat restoration efforts here. I find that invasive species removal is half the battle at getting a healthy, native ecosystem reestablished. This bill is a big step in the right direction for Missouri, please vote for it. Thank you.





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Invasive plants are taking over our Conservation Areas, State Parks, agricultural land, and other wild lands of Missouri. They crowd out native Missouri plants that are needed to support wildlife. Every year, millions of dollars are spent combating invasive plants. HB 2412 would stop the sale of 5 species that are particularly troublesome. Please support HB 2412



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I fully support HB 2412 - Sassmann - NONNATIVE INVASIVE PLANT SPECIES. These species of plants have caused and continue to cause irreparable harm to our native landscapes. The invasion of these plants into surrounding areas lowers the diversity of native plant in these areas and reduces their ability to support native wildlife such as songbirds, butterflies, and other animals. The impact on protected landscapes is especially high because they mandate the implementation of costly mitigation efforts, diverting scarce funds that could be better utilized in our efforts to protect and improve critical habitats. There are many alternative plants species and varieties available for landscape use that do not pose the same invasive risks that these particular plants pose. The fact that these plants can be grown efficiently and that consumers want them does not justify allowing the indirect costs associated with the damage that they do to our environment to be passed onto our public agencies and society in general. Our state's rich natural heritage is worthy of protection for the use and enjoyment of all Missouri citizens, both present and in the future, and this bill will do much to accomplish that objective.



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As a Missouri Master Naturalist, I spend many hours each year working to remove invasive species from our public lands. It's difficult and ineffective work and can feel overwhelming, since Japanese bush honeysuckle has already choked out our native species along major trails and across too many miles to completely eradicate. We're doing the best that we can, but the damage already done is far beyond what I could have imagined. I remember seeing the first honeysuckle bush appear of its own accord in my dad's backyard in Lee's Summit about a decade ago and marveling at how pretty it was. Last year, I spent more than 80 hours ripping out hundreds of honeysuckle bushes on his property that were so densely populated we could no longer get to our daffodils or see wildlife that used to be abundant in his woods. Invasive species are a serious and costly issue affecting property owners who didn't choose to plant them and don't understand what's happening until it's too late. Please support this critical bill to prevent the further sale of these invasive species.



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As a public project volunteer and as a retired arborist, I have spent over thirty years battling the five invasive plant species listed in HB 2412. Battling them where they weren't initially planted. Within a magnificent Missouri woodland, on a rare and endangered prairie or savanna, along a popular rails to trails, in a public park, even along our picturesque rural highways, these prolific invaders are reproducing like crazy. They are outcompeting the natives we need so badly. So why do we need these natives and who cares which plants are out there or where they come from as long as they are green and grow fast? Well we should care. Conservation of native plants is a matter of life and death to any ecosystem. Not to get too fuzzy-wuzzy .... but insects - and not just pollinators - and birds and creeping amphibians, mammals and even our soils themselves are making Missouri a really rich resource for all of us . Maybe we have a woodlot, maybe an orchard or a grass hay field. Maybe we are gardeners. Maybe we bike or hike or fish a trout stream. Our Missouri native plants conserve our known landscape and these native plants need our help. This bill should successfully prevent the retail or wholesale nursery sale of five noxious invaders. What are they stealing? They are stealing sunlight, soil, water. They are stealing space. I'd like to think we could just gather larger and larger volunteer groups to eradicate these plants from Missouri where they are spreading like mad and doing so much harm. I've been doing eradication projects with groups for thirty years. It's not enough. We have to get these non-native invasive plants out of commerce. Please support HB 2412.



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I support HB2412. The sale of these harmful invasive species should be prohibited.



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I was very pleased to see that Rep. Sassmann recognizes the very great problems that invasive species create in Missouri and the nation. Public lands in the KC area are absolutely overrun by honeysuckle, euonymous and the other plants targeted in this bill. For decades, I have pulled these plants out of my neighborhood wooded park. It is a neverending job, but I am seeing a wonderful resurgence of the natural plant communities when we can remove the invasives. There is no reason that people should be adding to this problem by purchasing these weeds and spreading them around. Honeysuckle and euonymous produce seeds that are eaten and then pooped out by birds. Please join Rep. Sassmann in taking this highly sensible move to rein in one of the worst threats to Missouri's natural assets. Thank you.



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Invasive plants damage native ecosystems and the pollinators and other wildlife that depend on them. Invasives are expensive to eradicate. I battle Japanese honeysuckle and euonymous on my own property, which is time, labor and cost intensive. Parks departments and state agencies must spend their limited budgets to protect Missouri's native plant communities. We see what happens when sericea lespedeza, for example, takes over a pasture. It is nearly impossible to control. Please support passage of this bill to ensure Missouri's native ecosystems.





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EMAIL: <b>kathyfreese@sbcglobal.net</b>	ATTENDANCE: <b>Written</b>	SUBMIT DATE: <b>1/22/2024 3:14 PM</b>

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Please support HB 2412. I helped start a group in University City, an inner ring suburb in St.Louis, to restore our local 26acre Ruth Park Woods. We call ourselves the U.CityinBloom NatureScapers. Our city forester told us that our Woods could no longer regenerate due to the growing population of invasives, principally honeysuckle (both vining and bush) and wintercreeper. That's right, the Woods were dying. The Woods would become a tangle of non-native vines among dying trees over time. As the native trees disappeared, so would the local insects (the basis of the food web) and then the local birds and small mammals. So what is our solution in the woods? We hand remove all of the individual vines. It is slow, tedious work. It is disheartening to go to the local garden stores and see the same invasive plants for sale. Our group works 2 or 3 mornings a week (now for 2+yrs) with hand tools and sometimes power equipment. A wintercreeper starts very small as it starts growing up the trunk of a tree. Left alone to grow, as in a "natural area" like the woods, a wintercreeper vine can be 50-75 ft hi and the diameter from 2-10in at the base. We cut the vine at the base and treat with a tiny amount of herbicide, both methods recommended by Missouri Department of Conservation and the Missouri Botanical Garden. The wintercreeper also totally blankets the floor of the forest. It is hard for the usual wild plants to find their way thru this sturdy invasive ground cover. We need a conservation movement in our natural areas to restore and preserve our Woods ecosystems. Stopping the sale of these plants at local garden stores is a good start. If you are not savvy to individual plants in the Woods, you may think all is well because you are surrounded by green. Trust me, after spending a few hours seeing what a mature wintercreeper does to your local oaks and hickories, you will have a different opinion.



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Nonnative plants from all over the world have invaded Missouri. They shade out our natives. Our natives have trouble competing with them because the nonnatives have no natural source of reduction. Our native animals and insects do not recognize them and don't eat them. Nurseries think this is great. Nature does not think it is great. We who care spend a lot of time removing these plants from our property. These plants, planted in managed yards with good intentions, escape onto other properties in the city and in rural areas. It has seemed hopeless. If this bill passes, I see hope in our future. Thank you, Kathy Bildner from St. Louis city Missouri



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EMAIL: <b>katie@landlearning.org</b>	ATTENDANCE: <b>Written</b>	SUBMIT DATE: <b>1/22/2024 10:22 AM</b>
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Non-native invasive species are destructive to natural communities, which we rely on for clean air, water, and soil. Ceasing the sale of invasive plants can prevent further spread of these plants, preventing them from taking over the environment. Preventing the spread of these destructive plants can save unimaginable amounts of time and money in future on eradicating the invasive plants.



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EMAIL: <b>indelibleandroid@gmail.com</b>	ATTENDANCE: <b>Written</b>		SUBMIT DATE: <b>1/21/2024 3:05 PM</b>
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The sell and distribution of these listed nonnative invasive plants has greatly damaged our local ecosystems and communities. They've inhibited the growth of Missouri's native plant species and in part have caused a huge loss of biodiversity in our local flora and fauna. Please back this bill proposed by representative Sassmann to halt the sale of these invasive species.



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**Members of the Conservation and Natural Resources Committee: Missouri Parks Association is in support of HB 2412. As a statewide advocate for Missouri State Parks and Historic Sites, our organization supports legislation to cease the sale of certain invasive species to protect native species found in Missouri's 93 state parks. Nonnative invasive plants threaten aspects of Missouri's economy and natural landscape, including horticulture, agricultural production, private land management goals, native plant health, native ecosystems, and the outdoor recreation industry. Many of these problematic plants like the Callery or Bradford pear, are imported, bred, distributed, and promoted for sale in Missouri. Valuable time is being spent each year by park staff, MoDOT workers, and other state employees removing invasive species from Missouri's public lands. Legislation that would cease the sale of specific nonnative invasive plants would benefit Missouri's public lands. On behalf of the almost 3,000 members of Missouri Parks Association who enjoy and invest in Missouri and the more than 18 million visitors annually, we support HB 2412 to protect the natural landscape of the Missouri State Park system.**



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I support this bill since it provides protection from nonnative invasive plant species that are devastating our natural habitat.



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I am an outdoor enthusiast (birder, trail runner, photographer) and regularly encounter invasive species that have escaped residential and commercial landscape, and see their effects on native flora and fauna. Callery pear takes over open grassland and becomes more thorny and difficult to remove with each successive generation. Japanese honeysuckle fills in woodland understory, outcompeting native plants, creating inadequate shelter for nesting birds, and posing a constant headache for trail stewards to keep paths clear for mountain bikers, runners, and hikers. I support HB 2412.



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**Please consider the effects that invasive plants have on our environment. Fighting to eliminate Japanese honeysuckle on my property has been a 20 year fight.**





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EMAIL: <b>kurt.hoeper@hotmail.com</b>	ATTENDANCE: <b>Written</b>	SUBMIT DATE: <b>1/20/2024 9:14 AM</b>
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I support HB2412. The sale of these harmful invasive species should be prohibited. I live next to a city park overrun with Japanese Honeysuckle. I have spent the last 2 years eradicating it from my yard along with wintercreeper. These plants do not promote any natural wildlife and are harming any attempt to bring back native flora and fauna



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**I fully support HB 2412. State government spends considerable taxpayer money eradicating these noxious plants due to their deleterious effects on native ecosystems. It makes neither economic or ecological sense that they continue to be legally sold.**



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Dear Representative Sassmann and Honorable Members of the Committee, I am Dr. Laura Arthur, a Missouri Master Naturalist and St Louis City citizen, writing to express my strong support for House Bill 2412. This bill, crucial for the ecological health of Missouri, addresses the urgent need to regulate the sale of invasive species. Our state's diverse ecosystems, from tall-grass prairies to wetlands, are under severe threat from invasive species like the Callery Pear. These species cause ecological imbalance and financial strain due to control efforts. The public often lacks awareness about these invasive species, relying on nurseries for guidance. However, these businesses continue to sell harmful species. It's vital that we prioritize our ecological integrity over private profits. In conclusion, House Bill 2412 is a necessary step to protect Missouri's rich natural heritage. I urge the committee to consider the long-term ecological and economic benefits of this bill. Thank you for your commitment to preserving Missouri's environment. Sincerely, Dr. Laura Arthur St. Louis City citizen



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**It's in all our interests to restrict sale of these non-native invasive plant species. Missouri has remarkable natural resources that are being sullied by these plant thugs that are choking out and altering native habitats. And business will not suffer because nurseries can sell more native herbaceous and woody species to meet the growing demand for home and commercial landscapes.**



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**I strongly support the effort to prohibit the sale of invasive nonnative plants in Missouri.**



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EMAIL: <b>Lanntanner@yahoo.com</b>	ATTENDANCE: <b>Written</b>	SUBMIT DATE: <b>1/22/2024 8:29 PM</b>
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Although I do not live in Missouri, I am writing to provide my support for the HB 2412 Missouri Invasive Plant Bill. This bill is so important because it will prohibit the sale, transport, and distribution of non-native species such as Burning Bush, Callery Pear, Climbing Euonymus, Japanese Honeysuckle, or Sericea Lespedeza. These plants are invasive and crowd out our native plants. Invasive species are the largest threat to the natural wild and outdoor spaces in Missouri, and this bill targets the "worst of the worst" invasives. These invasives are characterized by rapid spread with lack of natural controls. If allowed to spread, invasives will take over a woodland understory and other locations and kill our native plants and trees. The economic cost to organizations and the state to eradicate these non-native invasive plant species is extremely high. It makes no sense to continue to allow the sale of non-native invasive plant species when it costs the state so much money to remove them and/or to try to slow their spread.



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As someone who owns family property in central Missouri, I strongly support a ban on invasive, non-native plants as proposed in HB. 2412. Our property has been in the family since 1953 and I have watched, and fought the ever-increasing spread of Japanese and Bush honeysuckle, callery pear, multiflora rose and autumn olive on our land and public land across the state. This has been a disaster, driving out native plants and changing landscapes. The outlandish takeover of roadside fields by callery and Bradford pear may present beautiful spring flowered landscapes, but they subdue native plants that would otherwise support our beneficial pollinating insects and valuable bird species. We must stop the sale of known exotic invaders. While this bill doesn't go far enough, it establishes a framework to begin getting control of this serious problem.



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HB 2412 is an extremely important legislative action that will help slow the degradation of Missouri's landscapes by invasive plants. As a rural landowner, and a suburban resident, I see the takeover of our landscapes and ecosystems by Bradford Pear, Autumn Olive, various non-native honeysuckles and euonymus varieties. These plants have few natural controls and are completely overwhelming my land, our parks and conservation areas, and unmanaged roadsides. While this legislation is only a start in the control of these invasives, we must start somewhere. There are plenty of other, less invasive plants for nurseries to sell. Contrary to what nursery owners might say, this will not hurt their businesses. They nurseries will just sell other plants in place of these. Please pass this legislation.





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<b>Support passing of this bill to help alleviate invasive plant species.</b>			



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I am a concerned homeowner in St. Louis County requesting your full support of HB2412 to prohibit future sales and the intentional distribution in Missouri of 5 invasive plant species. These invasives quickly outcompete our native plants, thereby decreasing the biodiversity of our natural areas, and they don't provide sustenance to support pollinators or birds. I am distraught as I walk along the trails in my local parks, as many of these invasive plants have already taken over much of the land. The birds and butterflies that I used to see are now gone. Likewise, when I drive along the interstates in the spring, I can see numerous Callery pear trees blooming on the bluffs where they don't belong. At one time, we thought these plants were a good addition to our landscape. Now we know the truth, that instead they DESTROY our natural landscapes. The Callery pear trees are, in fact, not sterile, as originally touted. This spring, to reduce their numbers, 15 Missouri cities will be participating in Callery pear buybacks (giving the homeowner a native tree for cutting down a Callery pear). Last year, Forest Park in St. Louis, at great expense, replaced its avenue of Callery pear trees, so did my local elementary school (Kennerly). Why do we still allow the sale of these trees? Likewise, I used to have several burning bushes because they turned a pretty red in the fall. However, these plants are also detrimental and can be easily replaced with native bushes that will provide beauty and sustenance. A number of paid and volunteer groups are trying to eradicate the invasive Japanese honeysuckle and wintercreeper that now carpet the interior of some of our woodlands. Eliminating these plants requires much manual labor as well as the application of chemicals, which must be done over successive years. Many areas (such as my local parks mentioned above) don't have the manpower or financial resources sufficient to control the invasives, so nothing is done and the problem gets worse. The fifth invasive plant, sericea lespedeza, invades our grasslands and prairies but unfortunately is not easily controlled by prescribed burning. I can see it as I bike along the Katy Trail or walk the Lower Meramec trail. It's hard to eliminate once it has taken a foothold. In summary, please help Missourians in the fight to at least cease the current sale and distribution of these 5 detrimental invasive plants. We are counting on you to help us against these foes. **SUPPORT HB 2412!** Thank you, Linda Ballard



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EMAIL: <b>lindacook2529@yahoo.com</b>		ATTENDANCE: <b>Written</b>	SUBMIT DATE: <b>1/23/2024 9:24 AM</b>
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I am in favor of HB2412 and ask you to support its passing. Thank you



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EMAIL: <b>lindafriedster@gmail.com</b>	ATTENDANCE: <b>Written</b>	SUBMIT DATE: <b>1/22/2024 3:32 PM</b>
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As a local and long time gardener as well as a hiker, kayaker and biciclist I've had the opportunity to see much of this state. Sadly, I've yet to find any area - rural or urban - which does not have some and all too often, an overwhelming overgrowth of non-native plants. Often because of their ability to spread easily and rapidly these invasive plants outcompete our native ones by (among other things) preventing their seedling growth or/and affecting their maturation. Native plants are the foundation of the web within which a myriad of other plants and animals are adapted and survive and which, ultimately, includes humans. The spread of invasives and the consequent reduction of natives is already taking a huge toll on our local biodiversity and, finally, the quality of our lives. HB2412 will help to reduce the spread of five of these invasive plant species; it'll be a fine start to undoing the destruction which knowingly (or unknowingly) is already happening.



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WITNESS NAME: <b>LINDA HEZEL</b>		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
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CITY:		STATE:      ZIP:
EMAIL: <b>lindahezel@aol.com</b>	ATTENDANCE: <b>Written</b>	SUBMIT DATE: <b>1/19/2024 4:54 PM</b>

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For the past 30 years these aggressive, invasive species have increased in number and area over my landscape. I did not plant them. I do not make money from them. However, they cost me many hours of hard physical labor with special tools to remove them. The nurseries and landscapers laugh all the way to their banks. I was told by a prominent nursery owner in KC that he would not stop planting them until they were outlawed. Greed is an ugly thing. There are many beautiful, native, valuable species alternatives available. Please do the important thing for Missouri's ecosystems and wild places. Stop the sale!



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EMAIL: <b>nindywms@icloud.com</b>	ATTENDANCE: <b>Written</b>	SUBMIT DATE: <b>1/19/2024 3:38 PM</b>
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As a Missouri Master Naturalist, one of our least favorite volunteer service activities is the never-ending cutting, spraying, pulling, etc. of unwanted non-native plants that take over our beloved natural areas inhibiting native plants and wildlife. It's a soul-crushing, joy-sucking job when we would rather be enjoying much more pleasurable volunteer work. There are many better, more beautiful, MO native choices than these plants and we won't miss them! We don't need to fill our legacy wild areas with foreign plants that didn't evolve with our insects and other animals and are useless to them. Thank you.



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CITY:		STATE:      ZIP:
EMAIL: <b>lindakram@charter.net</b>	ATTENDANCE: <b>Written</b>	SUBMIT DATE: <b>1/22/2024 10:12 AM</b>

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**We need to do what we can to improve the environment for our children. Invasive species do not provide food for insects and birds. Instead they crowd out the native plants that do help the wildlife.**



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WITNESS NAME: <b>LISA SAFFELL</b>		PHONE NUMBER:
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CITY:		STATE:      ZIP:
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**Please ban the sale of these highly invasive species! They are choking out our native species causing irreparable harm to the lives of our native pollinators and insects which then limits the amount of food our native and declining songbirds have access to. Just take a drive down interstate 40/141 through Town & Country to get an idea how ugly a monoculture of Callery Pear is!**





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WITNESS NAME: <b>LOGAN HELEY</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: <b>HEARTLAND CONSERVATION ALLIANCE</b>		TITLE: <b>EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR</b>	
ADDRESS: <b>6601 E. 93RD ST</b>			
CITY: <b>KANSAS CITY</b>		STATE: <b>MO</b>	ZIP: <b>64138</b>
EMAIL: <b>logan@heartlandconservationalliance.org</b>	ATTENDANCE: <b>Written</b>	SUBMIT DATE: <b>1/22/2024 3:23 PM</b>	

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Members of the Missouri House Conservation and Natural Resources Committee, The Heartland Conservation Alliance (HCA) works with partners to protect, connect, and restore the Blue River watershed in the Kansas City area and its urban greenspaces for the benefit and enjoyment of all. HCA envisions a sustainable environment that supports the health of all human and natural communities in the Kansas City region. HCA supports HB 2412, which aims to prohibit future sales and intentional distribution in Missouri of five invasive plant species by repealing a section of Missouri State Statute 263.070 and replacing it with revised language. Specifically, the revised statute would withhold registration-inspection certification—which is necessary to sell plants—if a nursery or nursery dealer knowingly and intentionally sells or distributes burning bush (*Euonymus alatus*), Callery pear (*Pyrus calleryana* and its cultivars, including Bradford and Chanticleer), climbing euonymus (*Euonymus fortunei*; also known as wintercreeper); Japanese honeysuckle (*Lonicera japonica*), and sericea lespedeza (*Lespedeza cuneata*). Nonnative invasive plant species such as these five degrade our beautiful woodlands, fields, and stream banks into impenetrable thickets lacking ecological, economic, or recreational value. HB 2412, removing these five species from sale in Missouri, is a sensible solution to this problem. Thank you for your consideration of this important legislation. Sincerely, Logan Heley Executive Director, Heartland Conservation Alliance 816-316-6071 [logan@heartlandconservationalliance.org](mailto:logan@heartlandconservationalliance.org) [heartlandconservationalliance.org](http://heartlandconservationalliance.org)



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EMAIL: <b>green.collie@gmail.com</b>	ATTENDANCE: <b>Written</b>	SUBMIT DATE: <b>1/22/2024 3:01 PM</b>
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**Please pass this bill! Franklin County is being overrun by these out of control species! Wintercreeper is literally encroaching on our detached garage. We have to fight it off every spring or it's going to get into the siding and ruin our garage. The only thing that kills it is tryclopypyr, which is a very dangerous chemical. Please stop the sale of these and the other species listed in this bill. Thank you.**



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WITNESS NAME: <b>MALINDA WALTER</b>		PHONE NUMBER:
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CITY:		STATE:                  ZIP:
EMAIL: <b>malinda.m.walter@gmail.com</b>	ATTENDANCE: <b>Written</b>	SUBMIT DATE: <b>1/18/2024 10:02 PM</b>
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I want to voice my support for HB 2412, the Invasive Plant Bill filed by Missouri Representative Bruce Sassmann (District 061).



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As a landscape architect, horticulturist and volunteer gardener at both public and institutional gardens in Kansas City, I can attest to the detrimental effect that these invasive and colonizing species have in our environments. Their aggressive growth mechanisms outcompete our native flora, choking it, suppressing it, and ultimately taking over extensive areas. Most of my volunteer gardener hours in Kansas City have been spent manually removing invasive species such as honeysuckle, sericea and Callery Pear from parks and natural areas. Their footprint and impact have exponential negative effects in our natural environments and to our wildlife. Today more than ever is imminent to act upon legislation that can better the environment to ensure prosperity for future generations.



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In support of bill 2412 to reduce invasive plants.



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WITNESS NAME: <b>MARK BELWOOD</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
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Luckily, on our farm in Saline and Pettis Counties, we have not yet had to deal with the problems caused elsewhere by three of the invasive plant species addressed by HB 2412: Burning Bush, Callery Pear, and Climbing Euonymus. I cannot say the same for the other two invasive plant species addressed by this bill: Japanese Honeysuckle and Sericea Lespedeza. Japanese Honeysuckle has taken over where a county road cutting through a small creek drainage has resulted in the ample sunlight that helps Japanese Honeysuckle thrive. My biggest problem is with Sericea Lespedeza. I have several Tallgrass Prairie reconstructions on the farm, and it is a constant battle to keep Sericea Lespedeza in check in these plantings. Invasive species in general are creating a serious problem for the natural landscape and native flora of our state. HB 2412 is a good first step in addressing this problem. Please vote to move HB 2412 out of committee. Thank you.



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WITNESS NAME: <b>MARSHA GEBHARDT</b>		PHONE NUMBER: <b>314-303-8309</b>
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: <b>WILD ONES ST. LOUIS CHAPTER</b>		TITLE: <b>PRESIDENT</b>
ADDRESS: <b>210 ROBERTA AVE.</b>		
CITY: <b>ST. LOUIS</b>		STATE: <b>MO</b>
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EMAIL: <b>gramg63@gmail.com</b>	ATTENDANCE: <b>Written</b>	SUBMIT DATE: <b>1/23/2024 7:26 AM</b>

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I know there is a lot going on that requires urgent attention, and it would be easy to overlook or not understand the importance of the upcoming Invasive Plant Bill, HB 2412. But I'm asking you to believe that ending the distribution of invasive species in Missouri is an important step in fighting destruction of the natural environment and habitat, which in turn helps reduce climate change. I am the president of the St. Louis Chapter of Wild Ones, a national organization - Connecting people and native plants for a healthy planet. With over 400 members, we are the largest of more than 100 chapters across the country. We work with the Missouri Department of Conservation, Metropolitan Sewer District, Missouri Botanical Garden, St. Louis Audubon Society and others to educate and inspire the public to plant natives. There are three other chapters of Wild Ones in Missouri with the same mission -- St. Charles Area, Columbia, and Southeast Missouri. Native plants support our birds, bees and butterflies. Invasive plants can not! But they can take over, preventing native plants from thriving and providing necessary support to wildlife. We implore you to pass this important Bill.



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WITNESS NAME: <b>MARTIN R. CONRAD, JR.</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
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EMAIL: <b>mconrad1107@att.net</b>	ATTENDANCE: <b>Written</b>		SUBMIT DATE: <b>1/21/2024 7:40 PM</b>
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I have seen several of these invasives in many different settings. They crowd out native plants and don't perform as well as the natives do. The Callery pears are especially bad because they are so weak. There are many native trees that look as good and are much more robust.





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WITNESS NAME: <b>MARY CATHERINE STUBBS</b>		PHONE NUMBER:
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CITY:		STATE:      ZIP:
EMAIL: <b>cathy.stubbs@gmail.com</b>	ATTENDANCE: <b>Written</b>	SUBMIT DATE: <b>1/20/2024 9:19 AM</b>
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I am personally affected by these invasive species. My neighbors planted "wintercreeper" on their properties so I continually battle the encroachment of these plants on my native plants on my property. I spend hours and intense labor to save the trees. I hand pluck starts from the local Callery trees and bush honeysuckle from across the street. Additionally my local Columbia city park is covered throughout with wintercreeper causing a desolate landscape with this invasive specie choking every other plant and killing trees.



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WITNESS NAME: <b>MARY CULLER</b>		PHONE NUMBER: <b>573-586-0747</b>	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: <b>STREAM TEAMS UNITED</b>		TITLE: <b>EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR</b>	
ADDRESS: <b>1923 SHELBY 149</b>			
CITY: <b>SHELBYVILLE</b>		STATE: <b>MO</b>	ZIP: <b>63469</b>
EMAIL: <b>mary@streamteamsunited.org</b>	ATTENDANCE: <b>Written</b>	SUBMIT DATE: <b>1/22/2024 2:11 PM</b>	
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Dear Representatives of the Conservation and Natural Resources Committee, Please support HB2412 to prohibit future sales and intentional distribution of five invasive plant species in Missouri. Invasive plant species, including those listed in HB2412, have negative impacts on Missouri landscapes, by outcompeting native plant species and reducing quality habitat for wildlife. In addition, invasive non-native plant species change the vegetative cover of our watersheds, by becoming dominant plant species, which do not have the beneficial qualities of native Missouri plant species. Many volunteer organizations throughout the state volunteer time and resources to work to remove invasive plant species from local parks and public lands. Prohibiting the future sale of the species listed in HB2412 is a needed step to reduce their spread and dominance of Missouri's landscape. Please help reduce the spread of these invasive plant species in Missouri with your support of HB 2412. Thank you for your efforts to improve the quality of Missouri's land, care for downstream water, and support native wildlife populations.



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WITNESS NAME: <b>MARY S NEMECEK</b>		PHONE NUMBER: <b>816-795-8177</b>	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: <b>BURROUGHS AUDUBON OF GREATER KANSAS CITY</b>		TITLE: <b>CONSERVATION CHAIR</b>	
ADDRESS: <b>7300 SW PARK RD</b>			
CITY: <b>KANSAS CITY</b>		STATE: <b>MO</b>	ZIP: <b>64015</b>
EMAIL: <b>conservation@burroughs.org</b>	ATTENDANCE: <b>Written</b>	SUBMIT DATE: <b>1/22/2024 1:08 PM</b>	

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**Burroughs Audubon Society of Greater Kansas City is in full support HB2412 and urges the members of the Conservation and Natural Resource Committee to advance HB2412. Missouri has a rich and enviable heritage in it's wildlife and flora. This natural bounty is under constant threat from invasive plant species, especially the 5 directly addressed by this bill. When invasive species choke out the native flora, it often leaves a desert in place of a once thriving natural area. Native species take millenniums to adapt to new food sources and habitat and will vanish from area overtaken by invasive species, in search of known habitat and recognizable food. Please vote to protect our native wildlife, flora and natural areas by supporting HB2412.**



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Invasive plants wreak havoc on ecosystems, outcompeting natives, smothering habitats, and altering vital food webs. They endanger diverse wildlife, disrupt natural processes, and even impact local economies. Prohibiting their spread protects our precious biodiversity, safeguards healthy ecosystems, and ensures thriving habitats for future generations. It's a small price to pay for a vibrant, functioning planet.



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**We have the information about how harmful these species are to our local environment. Now we just need to act on it, to protect our native plants and animals. So proud this bill has made it this far. I fully support this bill. It will make a huge difference in protecting our native wildlife and educate the community.**



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**Our natural forests are riddled with these invasives. Please vote yes!**



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**Invasive species in Missouri are crowding out our beautiful native plants and trees. Please support this bill.**





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The Sierra Club supports this bill to protect the ecology of our state from these dangerous invasive plant species.



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I support this bill since it provides protection from nonnative invasive plant species that are devastating our natural habitat.



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The invasion of open spaces within the state of Missouri has reached epidemic proportions, threatening the natural beauty of our state by crowding out native species and draining resources from MoDOT, Department of Natural Resources and the Department of Conservation. Invasive species such as Callery Pear (aka Bradford Pear) and Asian Bush Honeysuckle spread easily enough via bird and wind activity, however this is compounded by irresponsible retailers that continue to sell these despite an ever growing mountain of evidence regarding the damage they do and the costs to remediate that damage. Well-meaning individuals have planted bush honeysuckle as a means of erosion control, only to learn that it enables erosion, and leaves a wake of ecological destruction in its path by shadowing out native wildflowers and vegetation. The Bradford Pear cultivar of the Callery Pear family was introduced under the misconception that it was a sterile tree that would not propagate and spread. The result is a tree that can be lovely when in bloom for 2 to 4 weeks, yet is prone to wind damage and can produce thousands of seeds per year. One needs only to drive through the intersection of I-64 and I-270 to see where volunteer Callery Pears have taken over the interior of the interchange. The intersection of I-270 and Hwy 364 (Page Avenue) is another case in point. This is more than an eyesore situation, at the southeast corner of Hwy 141 and Clayton Road, a small camp (homeless occupants?) has sprung up in the middle of the Callery Pear Grove. This bill will not eliminate the problem of invasive species, multiflora rose is no longer a statewide threat. But HB 2412 will bring a halt to the sale of these invasives, and hopefully reverse their destructive path through our beautiful state. I am submitting this testimony as an individual. However my credentials include:- An active volunteer for conservation projects with over 3,000 hours of service- Certification as a Missouri Master Naturalist- VP Conservation for the St. Louis Audubon Society- Open Space Council Community Service Alliance Ambassador for Creve Coeur Lake Park- Member of the St. Louis County Parks and Recreation Advisory Board



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On behalf of East Ozarks Audubon Society, a group of about 150 citizens concerned with the health of Missouri's environment from a five-county area based in Farmington, MO, we ask that you support HB2412, prohibiting the sale and distribution of certain invasive plants. With Missouri's ecosystems under assault from a wide variety of threats, including climate instability, intensive agricultural practices, etc., the continued sale of invasive plants is one threat that the House Conservation and Natural Resources Committee can do something about now. The plants listed are degrading large areas of the State by displacing native plants, reducing available habitat for native pollinators and contributing to an alarming decline in these vital components of a healthy environment. East Ozarks Audubon, in collaboration with Missouri Department of Conservation, has been engaged in a multi-year fight to suppress honeysuckle which is severely impacting Farmington's only wildlife refuge at the Sanctuary we manage in a city park. As rural homeowners, we personally spend a lot of time and effort in attempting to control sericea lespedeza, burning bush and Japanese honeysuckle from our property. Allowing the sale of these plants to continue is adding fuel to the fire and undoing the best efforts to eliminate infestations. We don't doubt that there will be opposition from the nursery trade, but healthy alternatives of non-invasive, or preferably native shrubs and trees, are readily available and can make up for lost sales of the damaging plants. Convenience for the nursery trade must be balanced against the enormous damage to the State environment that these plants represent. Please help turn these unwanted immigrants into illegal aliens. Respectively submitted Michael Sutton, Susan Hagan, John Mabery East Ozarks Audubon Society, Farmington Missouri.



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**YES! The nursery industry and allied partners are struggling with the enforcement of a more native paradigm. As a practicing Landscape Architect in the St. Louis Region (and business owner!) I STRONGLY support this legislation to remove these damaging species from the nursery stock.**



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Dear Representatives, I hope you can support Rep Bruce Sassmann's HB 2412. This bill will assist with the control and spread of 5 non-native invasive plant species still sold commercially in Missouri. These species degrade the habitat of turkey, quail and other wildlife. They also degrade pastures. As a naturalist and hunter I support HB 2412. I hope you will too. Sincerely, Mike Leahy 1311 Moreland Ave Jefferson City MO



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**I support HB2412. The sale and planting of these invasive species harm the environment and Missouri's ecosystems and should be prohibited.**



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Representative Sassmann - I want to let you and the committee know that I fully support HB 2412. I have worked as a volunteer for many years in Missouri and Michigan with non-profit organizations and departments of conservation to try and eradicate invasive plants, examples of which are covered in your bill. Most invasive plants are non-native, originating in other countries (often Europe and Asia) and have no predators here in the United States to keep them in check. Thus, they often crowd out our own native species and degrade our natural environments, our woods and meadows, agricultural areas, and even waterways at times. Some invasives are poisonous to cattle and people. Those which are targeted in your bill are some of the most common and destructive to the environment. Invasive Honeysuckles are a prime example. They grow quickly and can take over a small woodland area, choking out the native plants that should be there. There are at least two native honeysuckle varieties (Coral and Yellow Honeysuckle) that grow well in Missouri and are great plants to replace the invasive ones that can be eliminated, with the help of your bill. Thank you for your efforts to address this important issue!





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As an individual trained in Missouri ecology, the plants known as burning bush (*Euonymus alatus*), callery pear (*Pyrus calleryana*), climbing euonymus (*Euonymus fortunei*), Japanese honeysuckle (*Lonicera japonica*), and sericea lespedeza (Chinese bushclover) are all threatening to native Missouri plants and animals. They contribute to the decline in native ecosystems by outcompeting native species and putting them at threat of extirpation and extinction. These plants outcompete native species which provide a large structural basis for the food chain. They provide fewer ecological services for native species that rely on those species with which they outcompete. The result is that we will lose soils, water retention, birds, mammals, bees, butterflies, lightning bugs, and other invertebrates/vertebrates. The harm caused by these species escaping cultivation is already significant. The current will require generations of conservation and restoration work to restore. Causing millions if not billions of dollars that could have otherwise remained in the pockets of Missourians. By continuing to all the sale of these species, Missouri stands to balloon that harm by unintended consequence. We must ban the sale of these species and focus on the sale of native plant species that provide an ecological role while functioning as a beautiful plant in our landscapings.



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Please consider passing this bill! The battle against highly invasive non-natives plant species is monumental! We have 23 acres of mixed woods and grasslands, and the task of removing these species is very costly and time consuming. Our once beautiful woods with an array of native tree species is in decline and threatened by these invasive plants. All one needs to do is drive along our highways or back roads to see how out of control they are. They block out and out compete our native trees and shrubs making for regeneration of these species impossible. They are also highly impact our native fauna. These invasives do not support the numbers of species ( if they support any at all) that our native species do which then creates a dramatic decline in their numbers. It will take years to erratic the invasive species we have now, but continuing the sale of them will make it almost impossible to do. Thank you for supporting the passing of this bill.



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By definition, an invasive plant is a non-native species that is likely to cause economic or environmental harm. State and federal agencies, NGO's, and individual landowners spend a lot of time and money every year attempting to remove these threats to our ecosystems. It makes no sense to, at the same time, continue to sell them to customers who are unaware of the problems these invasive plants cause.



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These plants create many more problems than their consumer level benefit. Cost associated with invasive plant management scale up to an astronomical level in almost all ecosystems. The urban and suburban environment is essentially the **WORST** place for that management. We have been poisoning our mutual environment and need to, at least turn off the source. Please pass this bill for the benefit of everyone in the state including future generations.



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Non native "exotic " species of plants and animals are invasive to ecosystems to which the do not belong and should not exist. There are many many native options that are well adapted to every ecosystem. Introducing non native species produces monocultures by attrition. A very unhealthy environment in regards to all life. This is occurring globally. We as Missourians have the opportunity and obligation to do our part to stem the tide of the invasion. This endeavor/ legislation is not exclusive unto itself! Strong effort is needed to eradicate what already exists. However, HB 2412 goes a long way to slow down the spread and reduce the negative impacts.



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please take this crucial step to ban the sale of invasive, harmful species. our tax dollars are spent to remove these excessively reproductive species from our public lands. and as long as private citizens can buy these species they will require on going maintenance to prevent destruction of the ecology of our public lands. removal is not a one and done action.



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EMAIL: <b>kozichpj@yahoo.com</b>	ATTENDANCE: <b>Written</b>	SUBMIT DATE: <b>1/20/2024 3:53 PM</b>
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Thank you for proposing this bill. These invasive species are really threatening Missouri's natural communities in many areas. Your help will be greatly appreciated and beneficial in helping preserve the tremendous flora and fauna of our state.





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WITNESS NAME: <b>PETER SCHAUER</b>		PHONE NUMBER:
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EMAIL: <b>peter@peterschauer.com</b>	ATTENDANCE: <b>Written</b>	SUBMIT DATE: <b>1/22/2024 6:46 PM</b>
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My wife, Lynne, and I live in Cooper County and are landowners. We are writing in support of HB 2412 that aims to prohibit future sales and intentional distribution in Missouri of five invasive plant species. My wife and I have spent many hours and hundreds of dollars on chemicals, machines and tools to remove the five listed plant species from our pastures and land. My family has maintained and improved our farm with terraces and more since 1966 and each year we see more of the five invasive plants listed in HB 2412 encroaching on our fields and woods and displacing plants we are growing. As the founding director of the OATS bus service, a long-time follower of bills introduced in the Missouri Legislature, retired livestock farmer and landowner rarely have I seen a bill introduced that has such immediate and long-term benefits to Missouri farmers, lumberman, and all landowners. Missouri farmers and landowners of all sorts spend hundreds of hours and thousands of dollars for tools, machines and chemicals to remove invasive plants. Callery pear is especially troublesome as it displaces valuable trees and is difficult to remove because it has spikes that penetrate wheeled tractors necessitating more expensive tracked machines to mow or remove and then spray stumps. Sericea Lespedeza is another invasive plant that is degrading our pastures and hayfields. It too requires hours of work and chemicals to eradicate it. All five of the invasive plants listed in HB 2412 are displacing plants of value to farmers and landowners and without concerted efforts they can thoroughly take over CRP or any pasture or wood lot. Supporting House Bill 2412 will have a lasting benefit to rural Missouri and all those who make a living from the land or are trying to preserve it. HB 2412 will help Missouri farmers and others in their efforts to keep our fields and woods filled with plants of productive value and reduce the expenses of herbicides, tree pullers, forestry mulchers, root rakes and more – meaning more effort can be put into growing food and other products of value.



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WITNESS NAME: <b>RACHEL ODMAN</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
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I'm an avid habitat gardener, wildlife enthusiast, and a certified Missouri Master Naturalist. As a volunteer who works closely with several Missouri ecological organizations, it is frustrating (to say the least) seeing the staggering amount of money, time, and elbow grease that goes into stopping the spread of invasive plants in our communities, only to find those same species for sale in nurseries and big box stores under cutesy cultivar names (for example, Bradford Pear for sale at Home Depot as 'Redspire Flowering Pear'). While I personally think this bill is not nearly enough, it is a good start and a step in the right direction. I love Missouri. My husband and I spend a lot of time outdoors with our two young boys, camping and visiting state parks. Invasive plants reduce biodiversity, endanger streams (they often have shallow roots that are unable to absorb stormwater, allowing soil and other pollutants to wash into our waterways, causing erosion and flooding), threaten tree canopies, and invade pastures, agricultural lands, and forests (jeopardizing harvests and increasing costs, since they must be controlled to protect production). Preserving and restoring our state's unique habitats and ecosystems for future generations are extremely important to us. I hope that my representatives will agree, and give this bill their full support.



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WITNESS NAME: <b>REBECCA ERICKSON</b>		PHONE NUMBER:
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The plant species addressed in HB 2412 provide no benefit to any ecosystem. Because these species have no natural predators or diseases, they spread across the landscape and monopolize areas to the point where no native plant species can thrive or even germinate. Left unabated, this will restrict native forest regeneration. In cases where they have escaped and monopolized an area, they can cause starvation for all manner of wildlife. I own 3 acres in the woods. I spend much of my energy policing it with herbicide in hand to keep encroachment at bay. I visited a friend who just bought a house in town. When he asked; I told him he needed to kill ALL of the vegetation on his fence because they were invasive Euonymus and Lonicera. Serecia lepedeza is especially insidious because the seeds can be viable in the soil for over 20 years; spray it this year and seedlings come up maybe 10 years later. It provides nutrition to no animal and it overwhelms all local vegetation. A friend of mine organizes volunteers who regularly remove invasive aliens from public areas. The resources it takes to control invasive aliens are immense and should be used more productively. There are Many ecologically sound native species that are economically viable to take the place of the species listed in HB 2412.



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I am in full support of banning the sale of burning bush, callery pear, wintercreeper, Japanese honeysuckle, and sericea lespedeza. I have watched my childhood woods in Rolla be overcome by wintercreeper and honeysuckle, and I have spent a lot of time when I am in Missouri engaged in invasive species removal. So any step toward restricting these harmful plants is much needed.



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**We spend a lot time getting rid of nonnative invasive plants from our 98 acre property. It would be good if these 5 invasive plants were taken out of the market place.**



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EMAIL: <b>rickthom@socket.net</b>	ATTENDANCE: <b>Written</b>	SUBMIT DATE: <b>1/22/2024 2:36 PM</b>
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**I strongly support this bill. It will be a first step in turning the tide on some of our worst invasive plants. It will also demonstrate the level of impact invasive species is having on Missouri.**



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**I support conserving our native Missouri forests by stopping the sale of invasive species.**



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As a landowner who is constantly battling non-native invasive species on my property, and as a concerned citizen who participates in eradication of those species, I wish to convey my support for passage of HB2412. It is ludicrous and ironic that so much time, energy, and money is invested in trying to eliminate these species from public and private lands while the same species are being sold in nurseries. There are a multitude of native, non-invasive species that can be substituted for these invasive species that will provide food and habitat for our native fauna while protecting our watersheds. Non-native species do not provide equal food and habitat, nor control erosion as efficiently as non-native flora species. Please work to pass this bill.





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EMAIL: <b>roxie.campbell@dnr.mo.gov</b>		ATTENDANCE: <b>Written</b>	SUBMIT DATE: <b>1/19/2024 3:42 PM</b>
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During my 37-year career as a park naturalist with Missouri State Parks, it has been necessary for the last 30 years for me to spend a great deal of my time working on and supervising staff and volunteers in working to control invasive plants at Rock Bridge Memorial State Park. Meanwhile, nurseries are still selling some of these species to homeowners who aren't knowledgeable enough to know to avoid them. Once planted, their seed is carried by birds to nearby lands. The five species listed are aggressive and often force landowners to remove them in order to use the land as they wish; which means expending funds for labor, herbicide and tools. In 2023 at Rock Bridge MSP, a crew of four college students worked all summer on invasive plant control. House Bill 2412 will help protect the ecology of our precious state parks as well as private lands and will save citizens money. All five species listed in the bill are problems at Rock Bridge MSP. We need this state law. Please pass it. Thank you Rep. Sassmann for introducing this bill.



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I believe it is very important to discourage the sale of these highly invasive plants. Their rampant spread is already causing irreparable harm all over the state by damaging habitats and outcompeting plants that would otherwise provide food sources for all levels of the native food chain. I am disappointed in the proposed timelines, which seem to be designed to protect the investments of nurseries currently selling these plants. However, if that is the compromise required to pass the bill it is still better than doing nothing.



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I personally have spent countless hours removing these invasive plant species from my property and my neighbors property. It is a crime against humanity to continue the sale of exotic plant species in our state for they have caused billions of dollars of nearly irreversible damage to the ecology of our state. I think the list should include all known invasives to our state. Please pass this bill.



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I am a landowner who, unfortunately, owns property that is a poster-child for invasive species. I have been working for three years to remove the invasive species and plant native species. It is a long, slow process that incurs a substantial amount of time, labor, and money. It is ludicrous that these invasive species are being sold at nurseries to be planted in our landscapes. Nurseries should take advantage of the opportunity to educate landscapers and landowners of the benefits of native plants as substitutes for these non-native and invasive species.



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I own approximately 38 acres of recreational property in Caldwell County, MO. I support HB2412, as it has proven to be a hardship to prevent invasive species such as the Callery Pear tree from taking over the acres of forbs and native trees I have planted to conserve pollinators and native prairie. Over the years as a resident of Missouri I have watched the Callery Pear tree fill in along roadsides, completely crowding out other trees in a matter of three or four years.



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I am a homeowner in St. Louis County and my property backs to a county park where bush honeysuckle has taken over. My husband and I have spent the last two years and thousands of dollars eradicating it from our property so that is not only enjoyable for the humans but also beneficial to birds, pollinators and wildlife. We will likely spend the rest of our time here pulling seedlings from the countless seeds that remain in the soil and that will continue to come in from the park. Area municipalities and counties are challenged the enormous, costly task of trying to control the spread of these invasive species given the millions of acres that are infested. These plants choke out all beneficial species which contributes to a decline in populations of the wildlife, pollinators and birds that play a critical role in our food web. Bush honeysuckle and the other species in the proposed bill divert precious time and financial resources from homeowners and communities. Allowing these plants to remain for sale is like trying to bale water from a boat with a hole in it. Please help us get a foothold on eradicating nonnative invasive species by plugging the hole so we can make actual progress on conserving our beautiful state resources and supporting our native plants and wildlife. Vote YES for HB 2412.



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Invasive plants are escaping from home and business landscapes and are negatively impacting Missouri habitats by crowding out native plants. For example, I volunteer at a conservation area in Sunset Hills, MO featuring native plants and wildlife. One of the property's uses is to function as an outdoor classroom for local schools, allowing students to study natural habitats of Missouri. The City of Sunset Hills maintains the property and along with volunteers is constantly having to remove invasive plants that were not originally at the site. This bill would be a step in the right direction. It would help stem the flow of invasive, non-native plants offered by businesses, and encourage them to offer better choices.



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I wholeheartedly support the effort to curb the spread of these destructive--even if beloved--species. These plants, among others, choke out native species, reduce the habitat for native insects, birds, mammals, and fish, thereby threatening the environment for humans, as well. There are really no downsides to stopping the sale of these plants. There are many beneficial native species that can be planted in their stead, and those are often more resilient, sustainable, and appealing than their exotic counterparts. For instance, blueberry shrubs have gloriously red leaves like the burning bush, and their fruits can be eaten by people as well as birds. There are three native species of honeysuckle that can replace everyone's favorite, sweet-smelling harbinger of summer. Having introduced many native plants to my yard, I can attest to the robust variety of native wildlife it attracts, from the tiniest native bees to the most beautiful songbirds. Supporting this bill is an easy step to correcting a problem we introduced to the environment that will benefit us all. Thank you!





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EMAIL: <b>sprice81@hotmail.com</b>	ATTENDANCE: <b>Written</b>	SUBMIT DATE: <b>1/22/2024 8:40 PM</b>

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As a lifelong enthusiast and supporter of Missouri's native ecosystems, I heartily support this long overdue bill to protect our natural plant communities, which in turn directly impact native fauna. The five invasive species mentioned herein pose the greatest threat to native species due to their aggressive and rapid spread, and lack of natural competitors or predators to keep them in check, allowing them to quickly and completely overtake vast areas, resulting in a comparatively sterile monoculture, barely more useful to native lifeforms than a paved parking lot. Please, please pass this important legislation.



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I want to strongly support this bill. I have personally gotten rid of two Callery pear trees in my yard and have participated in Japanese honeysuckle elimination efforts, both in my neighborhood and in the MDC park that was built in my area. I am appalled by the rapid expansion of the number of Callery pear trees that have replicated along Highway K in St Charles county, an area I drive most every day. To think that more of these problematic plants continue to be sold is disappointing, and I can see more and more time and energy will be needed to eliminate what is already running wild.



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I support HB2412. The sale of these harmful invasive species should be prohibited.



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WITNESS NAME: <b>SUSAN FARRINGTON</b>		PHONE NUMBER:
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EMAIL: <b>susanfmo@gmail.com</b>	ATTENDANCE: <b>Written</b>	SUBMIT DATE: <b>1/23/2024 1:13 PM</b>
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As local landowners in Shannon County (my husband and I own 461 acres), we spend many hours, days and weeks each year battling invasive species on our property. As a biologist with the Missouri Department of Conservation, I spent several weeks a year battling invasive plants in our highest quality natural areas. In the last 15 years, I have watched callery pear and many other invasives explode in our area, an area that is far more pristine than most of Missouri. I wish that this bill was stronger in its penalties and that it would be in effect sooner, but it is a good first step. Invasive species are a serious threat to our wildlife, birds, timber production, and the best natural areas in our state. Please do everything you can to discourage the sale of these destructive species that cause me to spend so much of my work time and personal time to battle. The state of Missouri is spending a huge amount of money to deal with invasives and our money and time could be much better utilized without them. Thank you.



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EMAIL: <b>forquer.sue@gmail.com</b>	ATTENDANCE: <b>Written</b>	SUBMIT DATE: <b>1/22/2024 1:44 PM</b>
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**Please stop sale and distribution of nonnative invasive plant species in the state of Missouri. I am in favor of protecting Missouri's natural terrestrial communities.**



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EMAIL: <b>susanlammert@att.net</b>	ATTENDANCE: <b>Written</b>	SUBMIT DATE: <b>1/22/2024 12:12 PM</b>
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**This is an important step to reserve our natural environment from invasive plants. There are open fields all over the state that or overrun with Bradford pear and honeysuckle . These and other non natives are rampant in ladue where I live and are costly to eradicate.**



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**The 5 plants listed for ban and/or distribution in this bill are invading Missouri's natural areas. We cannot continue to let these plants cause harm to tourist and commercial industries.**





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EMAIL: <b>sownative@gmail.com</b>	ATTENDANCE: <b>Written</b>	SUBMIT DATE: <b>1/22/2024 8:29 PM</b>

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Dear House Members, Please vote to support HB 2412 to prohibit sales and intentional distribution of five species of invasive plants in the State of MO. Below please find 5 photographs that I took in Mark Twain National Forest in Barry County. You can see the climbing euonymous has or is smothering canopy trees by climbing them and then onto bluffs and plants like Collinsia verna (Blue eyed Mary); Sanguinaria canadensis (Bloodroot); Valerianella ozarkana (Benjamin Franklin bush); PLUS MANY OTHERS THAT I CAN SEND PHOTOS OF IN THIS SAME AREA OF WINTERCREEPER THAT ARE GOING EXTINCT. We own land on the Arkansas side on hwy 62 and have the rare privilege to walk into Mark Twain National Forest and witness the multaflora rose, Johnson Grass, Japanese stiltgrass, English ivy and Japanese honeysuckle vine also marching their way through the forests. This Bill is a good start and we hope to add more species to the list of invasive and making illegal to sell or distribute in our state. Sincerely, Dr. Kei Y. Pang (business) Susan M. Pang (Naturalist and Land Restoration advocate) 314-606-1833 sownative@gmail.com



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WITNESS NAME: <b>SUSIE VAN DE RIET</b>		PHONE NUMBER: <b>314-780-2982</b>	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: <b>ST. LOUIS NATIVE PLANTS LLC</b>		TITLE: <b>OWNER/CONSULTANT/DESIGNER</b>	
ADDRESS: <b>PO BOX 63358</b>			
CITY: <b>SAINT LOUIS</b>		STATE: <b>MO</b>	ZIP: <b>63163</b>
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**My name is Susie Van de Riet and I am owner and consultant from St. Louis Native Plants LLC. I have been working in the green industry in some capacity dating back to 2009. I have a horticulture degree and I'm also a certified arborist and worked at Forest Park for 5+ years. I am in support of this bill, and after all of the work that I have done in the field, I would say that this bill can't be passed soon enough!**



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**Please vote YES on HB 2412 - this is important to protect the native plants and natural ecosystems of Missouri from harm by the presence of invasive species.**



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EMAIL: <b>taylor.dye@ozarklandtrust.org</b>	ATTENDANCE: <b>Written</b>	SUBMIT DATE: <b>1/22/2024 5:46 PM</b>
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Hello, My name is Taylor Dye, of Springfield, Missouri. I currently work for the Ozark Land Trust which aims to keep permanent green spaces across the state. In the past, I have worked hundreds upon hundreds of hours with the National Park Service and historic societies in the removal of invasive species. Invasive species choke out the incredible habitat and biodiversity that is so unique to our state. The importance of maintaining our native species cannot be overstated- it affects the oxygen level of a river or lake, to habitat and food for living things, to the amount of runoff we experience during floods. Eradication of some of the species currently being sold is nearly impossible. Beyond the cost of man hours and chemicals, taxpayers are often funding these efforts of removal, only to be slighted by large companies and nurseries that willfully sell these plants with no warning of their proliferation. I am writing to you to support the HB2412 bill and encourage your support as well. Please do your part to prohibit the sale of these invasive species. Prohibiting their sale costs nothing and has little detriment to those profiting, but would be an ecological win to protect Missouri's natural beauty and resources. Thank you for your time and consideration.



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I fully support HB 2412 - Sassmann - NONNATIVE INVASIVE PLANT SPECIES. These species of plants have and continue to cause irreparable harm to our native landscapes. The invasion of these plants into surrounding areas lowers the diversity of native plants in these areas, which lowers the ability of native landscapes to support native wildlife such as songbirds, butterflies, and other animals. The impact on protected landscapes is especially high, requiring costly mitigation efforts and diversion of funds that could be better utilized for acquisition and protection of additional habitats. The loss of these species to the nursery industry is of little consequence, as there are many alternative plant species and varieties available for landscape use that do not pose the same invasive risks that these particular plants pose. The industry may claim that they need these plants because they are more efficiently grown and consumers want them. However, it is not fair to pass the indirect costs associated with the damage they do to our environment onto public agencies. Our state's rich natural heritage is worthy of protection for the use and enjoyment of all Missouri citizens, both present and in the future.



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**I support the ban of these invasive species. It's time to do the right thing for the environment.**



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As a life-long resident of Missouri, I have seen the detrimental impact of non-native invasive plant species on our native trees, shrubs, grasses, forbs and flowers. Callery pear almost completely overtakes many areas along our highways and smaller roads; bush honeysuckle crowds out native understory vegetation; and in one very specific example, sericea lespedeza is quickly outcompeting natives at the Stockton State Park walk-in campsites, as well as many, many other locations. As non-native invasives spread, we lose more and more of the rich biodiversity and beauty of our amazing state. It's a challenging problem, but luckily it is also a problem with solutions. One of the most important steps we can take toward improving our native plant populations is to reduce the introduction of non-native species into our natural and planned environments. HB 2412 targets some of the most aggressive non-native invasive species, and does it in a way that also respects the investment plant nurseries have already committed to burning bush and Callery pear stock. This bill deserves the support of our legislators, for the benefit of Missourians living now and in the future. Our natural environment is also worth protecting for its own sake, to retain the diversity of plants and animals that have called Missouri home for centuries. Thank you for the opportunity to share my thoughts on this important topic.



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**It is sad to walk trails and drive by undeveloped areas that have been overtaken by invasive plants which ultimately affects the ecosystem. I support HB2412. The sale of these harmful invasive species should be prohibited.**





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As a Missouri Master Naturalist and a lover of nature, I want to lift my voice in support of HB 2412. My husband and I have volunteered many hours on public lands and our own private land to remove these invasive species in order to protect our beautiful native habitats. In most cases, these species were not planted, but instead were spread there through other means. This spread, without natural insects or diseases to slow their spread, is the nature of nonnative invasive species. Making it illegal to sell these species, though just one step in the protection of our native ecosystems, is a critical step. Thank you for bringing this important matter forth.



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WITNESS NAME: <b>WILLIAM MERVIN WALLACE</b>		PHONE NUMBER: <b>573-496-3492</b>	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: <b>MISSOURI WILDFLOWERS NURSERY</b>		TITLE:	
ADDRESS: <b>9814 PLEASANT HILL RD</b>			
CITY: <b>JEFFERSON CITY</b>		STATE: <b>MO</b>	ZIP: <b>65109</b>
EMAIL: <b>mowldfirs@socket.net</b>	ATTENDANCE: <b>Written</b>	SUBMIT DATE: <b>1/23/2024 1:43 PM</b>	

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In my 40 years of traveling Missouri to collect seeds of native species to use at Missouri Wildflowers Nursery, I have had the opportunity to become well aware of the crippling effects exotic species (including the ones covered by HB 2412) have had on our native plant communities. Of the species being considered, Serecia lespedeza has the largest impact on Missouri Wildflowers Nursery, because we will not sell native seeds that have serecia seeds present as a contaminant. Serecia lespedeza is a serious problem in native prairies and production fields where we harvest native species. It requires a large number of man-hours and money to keep serecia lespedeza under control. Unlike the other species on the list, serecia lespedeza is possibly being sold more in the form of seeds than plants. Probably the greatest impact that passage of this bill will have is the awareness it will bring of the plight our state is experiencing by the presence of these and other invasive exotic plants.



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My name is Zach Morris, and I am the current President of the Conservation Federation of Missouri (CFM). I regret that I cannot attend in person today, but I wanted to pass along our support for HB 2412. As the Voice for Missouri Outdoors, CFM represents a wide variety of outdoor enthusiasts, including over 100 affiliated organizations and 50 business partners. Our members passed a resolution in December of last year urging support for this legislation. Invasive species are a major threat to Missouri's native fish and wildlife, and a drain on public resources. Many agencies, businesses, and non-profit organizations dedicate significant funding to the eradication of invasive species. By ceasing the sale of certain highly invasive plants, we can aid these organizations in their fight to restore and maintain native habitats - a goal that benefits all Missourians. The species identified in this legislation are highly invasive, and there are great native alternatives for landscaping, which is a common use of these species. By ceasing the sale of these damaging species, more native species will be planted for these purposes, which offers additional support for wildlife, especially pollinators. Missouri has a long history of great conservation work, and now we have an opportunity to continue to serve as an example of how public policy can aid these goals. I hope the Committee will support this legislation and that the Bill Sponsor will dedicate appropriate effort to ensure its passage. The conservation community truly appreciates your support.



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**I am Opposed to this Bill as it Violates the Use and enjoyment of Land by Private Property Owners and shall NOT be told what to Plant and what can be Allowed on their Own Properties. I understand the Intention of the Bill and Law, but this is an invasion on Private Property Rights.**



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**As a master gardener, I am very aware of the time and money farmers and gardeners and others spend trying to remove these invasive species as they take over areas and choke out other plants. It is so frustrating to see them still for sale.**



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I'm Duane Sneddeker, a resident of Webster Groves. I've been working in the green industry for fifteen years, since 2008. I've been purchasing manager and operations manager for Glorious Gardens, a residential landscape maintenance company for most of that time. I speak today, however, as an individual, not as a representative of my employer. Since 2010 I have been the principal plant buyer for my organization and have consequently developed an understanding and appreciation of the types of plants our clients prefer in their landscapes. I speak in opposition to HB 2412 and to its sister bill, HB 1555, realizing that HB 1555 is not the direct subject of today's proceedings. However, the two proposed laws are very closely linked. In both cases, the specification of entire species does not allow for future development of cultivars which do not share the invasive characteristics of the original plant. Although the bill before this hearing lists five specific species of plants, its companion bill lists a great many more species as 'potentially invasive' with no explanation of the authority by which they are so listed. It should be noted that two of the plants included in this bill HB 2412 are also listed as 'potentially invasive' under HB 1555. The process by which these plants will be determined invasive or potentially invasive is not just vague but left out entirely. Various groups have been promoting, through educational efforts, the use of plants native to Missouri. These efforts have been extremely successful, to the extent that in recent years demand has even outstripped the supply. By the same token, educational efforts have raised the awareness that some plants should be avoided, except in very specific uses, because of their tendency to get 'out of control' and become nuisances. I believe that the legislature should consider carefully whether the heavy hand of state regulation is necessary or whether educational outreach will be sufficient to meet the problem. IF state regulation is needed, though, the process should not be left to administrative 'rule-making' but defined by law to ensure that the views of all stakeholders are weighed, not just those of narrow interest groups. I hold no brief for the five species listed in this bill. A great deal of my effort in my own yard is spent eradicating at least two of these plants. However, I spend an equal amount of time eradicating 'aggressive' native plants. I see no distinction between the two groups. Simply because one set of plants appears to have been in this area before European settlement does not make them any less 'invasive' than those brought to Missouri in the last 150 years. Nuisance plants are nuisances, and they should be treated equally. I maintain, however, that regulation by state agencies should play no part in the choices that homeowners and landowners make.





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**Invasive plant species are a detriment to our local environment and should not be sold by any business in the state of Missouri.**



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I have been in the landscaping business for over 25 years and tho I do not specify or use invasive species, I am opposing this bill due to the vagueness of how the plants are chosen and could be added to a banned list in the future. If a seasoned horticulturalist with could sense behind them could evaluate that might be another story. A blanket ban, without specifics and possibly affecting native cultivars could be detrimental to our industry. Cultivars and hybrids of native plants are not invasives, so how would they be chosen? For example, Ninebarks are native to Missouri but in the industry the native species is not widely available so cultivars have been developed to provide a plant with less powdery mildew and greater attractive leaf color. These should not be banned. We need a good variety of plants that can be used to enhance our landscapes that will also fit the market (size, shape, hardiness). Missouri Botanical is a great source for noting invasives like Burning Bush, Honeysuckle bush, Euonymus fortunei (vining variety). Most of these came from China or Asian regions so are not even close to being our natives. The Callary and Bradford Pears came from China, Korea, Vietnam. The bamboo seen growing in yards was also mostly Asian decent. But to include hybrids and cultivars of natives as invasive is just wrong. There are other plants that do very well here and are not native but are also not invasive. Euonymus japonica is from Japan, tho in the 'euonymus' family, it is a useful evergreen shrub for commercial/residential landscapes but is not invasive. The of course there are native plants that can be 'bullies' and be very aggressive taking over and area. I think the obvious ones to exclude from production would be the Burning Bush, Honeysuckle Bush, Euonymus fortunei and the Callary/Bradford Pear trees. Witch Hazel Vernal, can take the place of Burning Bush, Viburnum Blackhaw for Honeysuckle, there are other groundcover shrubs for Euonymus fortunei, and the pears...well Serviceberry, Cherry, Plum, etc.I think you get the point. Let's be smart. Let's educate our nursery industry. Let's keep it thriving. And let's eliminate the obvious invasives backed by MoBot and Chicago Arboretum folks.



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I wish to speak in opposition to this bill, due to the addition of the new section relating to nonnative invasive plant species. This portion of the bill is related to HB 1555, which was heard earlier this month, for which we are also opposed to.



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Members of the Conservation and Natural Resources Committee, my name is Lance Dauw. I represent Tomasovic Greenhouses & Nursery, Inc., a small plant wholesale business in the St. Louis, MO area. I am also an officer in the Landscape and Nursery Association of Greater St. Louis, serving on a special committee in that Association. That special committee's purpose is to help inform and also provide feedback to and from our association members regarding the Missouri Invasive Plant Council's proposed sales bans and legislation on invasive plants. I oppose HB 2412, specifically the new section relating to nonnative invasive plant species. More specifically, I oppose the inclusion of the five specific invasive plants, for their connection and presence in the language previously heard in HB 1555. The lack of a mention of a specific process or protocol already developed of adding new species to an invasive plant sales ban (referred to as "invasive plant list") is concerning, as is any limitations to the number of additions to this list. The same concerns are repeated for the named "Potentially Invasive Plant Watchlist" found in HB 1555. The five invasive species named, mentioned in both HB 2412 and HB 1555, are assumed to include all cultivars and varieties of the name species, as per definition of "invasive", provided in HB 1555. The inclusion of all cultivars and varieties as related to an inspection certificate and/or ban of sale, would prevent the continued and future sale of related cultivars and varieties that exhibit or are bred to be significantly less or completely void of the invasive traits of the parent species. Additionally, without a motivation of market and sales profit to improve on these invasive species, the research and breeding to improve plant selections would be devalued. With present and inevitable future changes to the general landscape environment, such as climate changes and increased pest/disease issues, the need to create and breed for more improved plant qualities/adaptability is even more relevant and should not be altered/deterred. I will now refer to the (5) specific invasive plants listed and use two of them as examples of breeding for less invasive traits. One newer cultivar/variety of the Callery Pear, reported to be 99% sterile by plant breeders, is currently being researched, for hopes of introduction. I would be happy to provide information on this pear cultivar, as well as a list of currently marketed less invasive or non-invasive cultivars of plants listed on the watchlist from HB 1555 to the committee. Additionally, ongoing research and plant development with Euonymus alatus has also developed the first seedless, non-invasive burning bush, for availability this coming Spring in the industry. These two mentioned cultivars, exhibiting features that are different than the parent species, should be considered as separate plants and separate entries in the examination of invasive species. However, they would be banned/penalized outright under this suggested legislation, including HB 2412 and HB 1555. These are two examples of the horticulture industry acknowledging and working towards creating useful and less invasive plants. Other considerations for the committee, which I don't believe have been addressed and need to be evaluated more, are as follows: 1) The actual monetary value of impact of the loss of sales on each

invasive plant to the sellers of these plants, 2) The actual costs of removal and control of these invasive species (if required to be removed) 3) The actual monetary value of the environmental impact (not including removal or control) 4) The specific uses and benefits of these invasive plants in horticulture trade, including unique attributes, from a qualitative standpoint, in the landscape. Suggested substitutes and a decrease in plant types available can conflict with the integrity of an entire landscape plan, and not only affect the design but the long term maintenance/survival. The idea of "formal" gardens and more labor involved with weeding/maintaining informal gardens are a consideration from both a public standpoint and a professional standpoint. A lack of such plants in a design could negatively affect the public's view of landscaping and eliminate/dissuade plantings in residential and commercial areas alike. 5) Suggesting boundaries of where certain invasive species may be planted, such as in metro areas, where higher population and lower forested areas exist. These types of environments could possibly limit the invasive nature of the species. Additionally, these same invasive species could potentially handle much harsher city environments, and thrive where other plants may not. In conclusion of my testimony, I wish for the committee to re-consider passing HB 2412 in summary for the following concerns: 1) the lack of a framework or description of a specific process to determine additions of invasive species for future lists, 2) the undesirable inclusion of all cultivars and varieties of the five listed invasive species and any others added, including the invasive watchlist, and 3) the other additional considerations mentioned. Thank you for the opportunity to testify before you. I would be happy to answer any questions and provide additional information upon request via email.



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I'm concerned about a small group of people deciding which plants can and cannot be used in gardens. I sell plants for a living, and have since 1980, which includes many different genus and species. I agree that invasive plants need to be made known to gardeners and controlled. However, I don't want to see good plants taken off the market because they were included in the invasive group unnecessarily, or are not native to an area, or are invasive only in certain conditions.



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**Bruce: I know that you know the reasons why invasive species such as sericea need to be banned. At the counter where we buy herbicides at Nixa Hardware we can also get Sericea seeds! crazy. Schoolcraft, Roosevelt and others that were at the event on your land years ago would be aghast! Work the ban!**





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I would like lines 45 through 54 struck from this bill. I agree that there are some plants that are invasive and a deterrent to our forest, but I would like to see these dealt with through education rather than legislation. The last thing we need in the AG sector of business is more laws and regulations to follow. If this passes, where do we stop? Are we going to just allow native plants to be grown and sold? Is the group of Missouri Native people going to be dictating to us what we are to be growing and selling?



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Please accept my gratitude for clarifying the intention of House Bill 2412 to be focused on plant nurseries and retailers of live plants. A summary of HB 1555 stated it was focused on retailers, yet the bill was not clear. This intention is much more focused in HB 2412 and that is much appreciated. There is still a question why the honeysuckle invasive that is on the list is Japanese honeysuckle (*Lonicera japonica*) rather than Amur honeysuckle (*Lonicera maackii*). It seems that is a much bigger threat, though both are highly invasive noxious weeds. Perhaps honeysuckle (*Lonicera* spp.) should be addressed as the genus in general? This bill been titled Non-Native Invasive Plant Species, while it addresses entomological pests as well. This language may be confusing for your constituents.



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