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Dear Representatives,

On behalf of the Ohio Prairie Association, supporting and promoting the conservation and appreciation of Ohio's native prairies and their unique plants and wildlife, I am writing in support of legislation to designate April as Ohio Native Plant Month.

The proposed legislation states, "The month of April is designated as 'Ohio Native Plant Month' to increase public awareness of Ohio's native plants and the many benefits they provide to pollinators, Ohio's economy, and the health of Ohio's environment."

Passage of this bill is an important step in the growing nationwide effort to help native ecosystems and our declining pollinators. Native plants are good for Ohio, good for the environment, and good for business. Please make Ohio one of the first states in the nation to officially recognize the importance of native plants.

I ask that you please support this important legislation for Ohio.

I also ask that you please contact Representative Scott Wiggam and offer to be a co-sponsor in the House.

Thank you,

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