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Thank you Chairman Hoagland, Vice Chairman Hill, Ranking Member O’Brien and members of the Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee for the opportunity to bring before you Senate Bill 45. This legislation would make the month of April “Ohio Native Plant Month”.

S.B. 45 was brought to me by former First Lady of Ohio Hope Taft. The purpose of this legislation is to increase public awareness of Ohio’s native plants and the many benefits they provide to pollinators, our economy and the health of Ohio’s environment.

It is my hope that this legislation will encourage individuals to plant native species, remove non-native invasive plants, tend native gardens and participate in other related educational opportunities. Along with encouraging individuals to plant native species, it is hoped that the horticultural industry will observe this month by cultivating, propagating and offering native plants for sale along with promoting public appreciation for Ohio’s native flora.

With the many benefits to the economy and the overall health of Ohio’s environment by designating April as Ohio Native Plant Month, I respectfully ask for your support of Senate Bill 45. Once again, Chairman Hoagland, Vice Chairman Hill, Ranking Member O’Brien and members of the Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee thank you for the opportunity to bring S.B. 45 before you. I would be happy to attempt to answer any questions the committee may have at this time.