Please support the Native Plant Protection Act. As evidenced by the ever increasing organisms like the spotted lanternfly and emerald ash borer, invasive species are crowding out and killing valuable plants that keep our Maryland ecosystem healthy. Invasive plants such as bamboo are spreading rapidly and causing harm to our ecosystem. The cost of fighting these organisms by increasing native plants and reducing invasive species is crucial to preventing expensive downstream effects, such as erosion, lack of pollinators, poorer air quality, and lower crop yield. This is an investment that will not only be good for Maryland's economy, but also our quality of life.