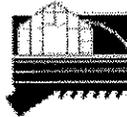




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Statement of
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before the
Appropriations Committee / Connecticut General Assembly
Supporting An Appropriation To Retain the State Invasive Plants Coordinator

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Connecticut's green industry fully supports the Connecticut Invasive Plants Council in their budget request of \$100,000 to retain the position of Invasive Plants Coordinator for the state.

In the last two-year budget, the legislature appropriated \$1 million for invasive plants, so this request to seek only \$100,000 for invasive plants control is more than reasonable and in line with reducing budget expenditures in this economy.

This position is the bare minimum needed to keep alive the state's effort to deal with one of its top ten environmental problems.