

To the Legislative Committee on Government Administration and Elections

Re: H.B. 5174 Proposal to establish the Michaela Petit Four-O'Clocks as the children's state flower

I am writing to your committee to express my support for establishing the Michaela Petit Four-O'Clocks as the children's state flower. Some may question why we need a children's state flower. The answer is we don't NEED one. But neither did we NEED, as residents of Connecticut to be subject to years and years of hearing about two men on death row, who senselessly murdered three precious women. But unfortunately, we do have to hear about them, to say nothing of the fact that we also have to support them with our tax money. So for this reason, I believe that establishing a children's state flower is a wonderful way to honor Michaela's memory. It is a fairly simple way to create some good out of a terrible tragedy. There can be only positive effects to come of this. This beautiful flower represents all of Connecticut's children, as well as their future children. Please vote yes to the passage of this bill.

Thank you.

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