

February 25, 2015

Connecticut General Assembly
State Capitol
210 Capitol Avenue
Hartford, Connecticut 06106
Attn: Rep. Al Adinolfi, 103rd District

RE: H.B. 5174 - An Act establishing a Children's State Flower

Dear Members of the Connecticut General Assembly,

I am writing to express my support for H.B. 5174, An Act establishing a Children's State Flower.

Michaela Petit's four o'clocks are intertwined with the mission of the Petit Family Foundation. With principles of activism, idealism, kindness, and support for those with chronic illness, victims of violence, and the aim to further education of young people, the Petit Family Foundation changes countless lives every year. Michaela's four o'clocks can be seen in Michaela's Garden locations throughout the state, and proceeds generated from these initiatives allow the Petit Family Foundation to fund scholarships benefiting various groups and individuals within Connecticut. It is important to acknowledge the positive influence of Michaela Petit's flowers on Connecticut residents. With thousands of plants created from seed packets on a yearly basis, these four o'clocks are an important part of Connecticut's contemporary social fabric.

As a supporter of the creation of a children's flower title in Connecticut, a supporter of Michaela Petit, Hayley Petit, and Jennifer Hawke-Petit, as well as Dr. William Petit and the Petit Family Foundation, I implore the members of the Connecticut General Assembly to pass H.B. 5174. Though Michaela, Hayley, and Jennifer are no longer with us, the influence of their good works, and positive spirit, creates opportunities and supports and benefits many parties of need in this state.

Sincerely,

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