



**For the Environment Committee
Testimony of Alicea Charamut, Executive Director
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Rivers Alliance was formed to fight for sound water policies at the state and federal levels, to provide education on water resources, and to advocate for any person or group striving to protect water. If you want clean, free-flowing and healthy rivers, and high-quality drinking water, Rivers Alliance is here to help.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on the following raised bill before you today.

**HB - 5013 AN ACT ADDING CERTAIN PLANTS TO THE INVASIVE PLANTS LIST:
SUPPORT**

Regular updates to the list of invasive or potentially invasive plants prohibited for import, export or sale is an important component in addressing the spread of these plants. Invasive plants choke out native species and contribute the decline in biodiversity. We support the work of the Invasive Plants Council and their recommendations to the general assembly.