

The Board of the Native Plant Society of New Mexico endorsed this bill at its January, 2016 board meeting.

Barbara Fix, NPSNM president

Add your organization to the growing list of endorsers of The Botanical Sciences and Native Plant Materials Research, Restoration and Promotion Act to help increase botanical capacity and demand for native plant materials in the United States.

Over the last year, numerous organizations have worked together to prepare a legislative bill that promotes botanical capacity and generates more demand for native plant materials. We are now seeking sponsorship for this bill with legislators in the House of Representatives and the Senate, and are inviting organizations that support the bill's aims to show their support by endorsing it.

I am writing to ask your organization to consider endorsing this bill. Your endorsement is important because it will improve our chances of securing sponsorship on the Hill. For details on current endorsers and the bill itself, see below. Please review this information and contact me with questions or concerns.

To add your organization to the list of endorsers, **please send me an email (khavens@chicagobotanic.org) by Friday, August 26th 2016.** If you may be able to endorse but need more time (e.g., to discuss at your next Board meeting), please let me know that you are considering it and the date when you expect to be able to confirm endorsement.

More information:

1. Why your organization should endorse the bill ([link to 1 page PDF here](#))
2. Summary of what is in the bill ([link to 2 page PDF here](#))
3. Full text of the bill ([link to 18 page PDF here](#))
4. The following organizations have signed on to this legislative proposal to-date: Alabama Wildflower Society, American Public Gardens Association, Arizona Sonora Desert Museum, Botanic Gardens Conservation International-US, Botanical Society of America, Brooklyn Botanic Garden, California Native Plant Society, Center for Plant Conservation, Chicago Botanic Garden, Colorado Native Plant Society, Denver Botanic Garden, Florida Native Plant Society, Garden Club of America, Institute for Applied Ecology, Iowa Native Plant Society, Kinnikinnick Native Plant Society, Longwood Gardens, Natural Areas Association, New England Wild Flower Society, Oklahoma Native Plant Society, Pinelands Preservation Alliance (New Jersey), Santa Barbara Botanic Garden, Society for Ecological Restoration, Virginia Native Plant Society, Washington Native Plant Society, West Virginia Native Plant Society, and Wilbur D. May Arboretum and Botanical Garden
5. Some of the details in the actual bill may change at the request of our Congressional sponsors, in which case all endorsing organizations will be contacted to ensure their continued support of the changes.

Thank you for your consideration.

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