# H.R. 1572 - Botanical Sciences and Native Plant Materials Research,

# Restoration, and Promotion Act:

# A Bill to Promote Botanical Research & Sciences Capacity

**Template Email to send to your Representative**

VIA EMAIL

The Hon. [Insert name]:

I am writing to request that sign on as a cosponsor of H.R. 1572, the “Botany Bill”.

There is a need to improve our ability to manage the 30% of U.S. lands under federal control by better leveraging existing scientific knowledge and evidence-based management techniques. Landscape restoration efforts on federal lands are driven by many causes, such as natural disasters (floods, wildfires, hurricanes, etc.) human activity (grazing, mining, solar placements) and degradation due to invasive species. Better application of proven scientific management techniques will improve the outcome of these efforts and save taxpayer dollars.

H.R. 1572 is a bipartisan bill introduced by Reps. Quigley and Rooney to draw attention to needed improvements in plant conservation, restoration and the use of native plants.

The primary goals of the Bill are to:

* Promote critical plant materials and restoration-related research by authorizing research funding;
* Enhance the deployment of botanical scientists in key land management agencies by authorizing new positions and loan forgiveness for those who agree to work for the federal government;
* Drive demand for native plant materials by creating a preference policy for their use in land management activities on federal lands; and,
* Support rare, endangered and native plants through federal programs such as the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation’s grants.

**PERSONALIZE YOUR MESSAGE!**

Consider highlighting the relevance of the Bill to your career/job, investments in research/restoration/conservation by federal agencies including NSF, USDA, etc., and/or personal anecdotes that connect you to the Bill.

You can find more information about the Botany Bill at: <https://botanybill.weebly.com/>

I would appreciate your consideration of becoming a cosponsor of this proposed legislation and am happy to discuss any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

SIGNATURE

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