

**In Support of HF2618**

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Bee balm, prairie smoke, aster,  
Goldenrod, iris and rattlesnake master,  
Native wildflowers feed bees and bring  
Butterflies, songbirds and cheer.

Tall native grasses provide homes  
To skippers and garden gnomes,  
And sway gently in breezes  
That tickle your ear.

Native plants grow networks of roots  
That store carbon and help constitute  
Useful tools against drought and flood  
That more and more often appear.

Why even a libertarian should take offense  
When a city's lawmakers are so dense  
As to include a ban on what was  
Always already here.