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Sample phone script in support of AB 1573:

Hi, my name is _____. I live in _____ and am a constituent of Senator _____. I'm calling to ask the Senator to support Assembly Bill 1573. The bill creates a requirement for the use of 25% native plants in nonresidential projects in place of nonfunctional turf. Both Assemblymember Friedman and the bill's sponsor have done a lot of work to listen to industry stakeholders and adjust the bill to build in both the time and collaborative process requested.

I personally believe in this bill because far too many pollinators and other native species are at risk of extinction (OR YOUR OWN PERSONAL REASON HERE). We should be doing everything we can to reverse that trend, and every bit of land matters. This bill offers a practical way to bring together water conservation, biodiversity protection, and urban greening.

Last, I want to emphasize that this bill's benefits go beyond its implementation. By creating more market demand for native plants, we are actually expanding opportunities for new nursery crops and business models as the climate changes and more traditional plants become untenable. Native plants are uniquely adapted to California's extreme conditions, and there are hundreds that do well in landscaping.

I strongly urge Senator _____ to vote yes on AB 1573 in the upcoming Senate Appropriations Committee Hearing on September 1. Thank you very much for your time.