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I approve of and urge adoption of a regulatory update to the list of plants with state conservation status.

It appears that the update makes sure we are protecting the right things by updating the list of species and assigning their status according to the best available science. The list has not been updated since it was first published in the regulations in 1993, and our understanding of Pennsylvania's biodiversity has greatly increased since then; many species we once thought were at risk we now understand are secure, while there are other species we did not know were at risk but we now do.