

I would like to voice my opinion on this bill! It would be a relief if you pass it. My husband and I have had the unpleasant experience of being the victim of this aggressive invasive plant. We have spent \$40,000 in excavating fees. Our neighbor could care less that it grew through our basement wall and invading everything on our property. Even though he knew how aggressive it was, he did not feel it was his issue, even though it came from his property! It is so unfair for others to be held accountable for maintaining and protecting their property from this plant! The person who plants it should be held accountable, just as if they contaminated your property if they dumped something that was toxic, they would be held accountable, well the same should happen for this yellow groove (*phyllostachys aureus*) bamboo! I have personally spoken to all the bamboo experts who say it should never be planted in residential areas because it invades everything in its path! Dr. Gery Moore from the Brooklyn Botanical Gardens even published in the New York times that you would need Panda bears to keep this plant from becoming out of control, which we know is unreasonable in suburbia! Legislation must be written to stop this from happening to property owners, this is simply not fair!

Please pass this Bill for the constituents of this state!

Sincerely,
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