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Environment Committee
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General Assembly

Dear Committee Members

I support your proposed bill No. 5122 regulating the sale and growth of golden bamboo.

I purchased a house in Wethersfield in 2008 and the rear corner of my property adjacent with two neighbors' property has golden bamboo growing on it. Since moving into the house I have constantly battled to remove bamboo roots (rhizomes) that continually spread into my yard. I have a 4 year old son who will play in the yard barefoot at times and could be seriously injured if he ever steps on the shoots that have been mowed. The dried rhizomes can pierce a barefoot and even a shoe.

My neighbors are indifferent to my struggle to constantly remove the spreading bamboo. Perhaps this law if adopted will finally result in homeowners becoming more responsible in controlling the spreading plant.

Sincerely,

Robert Morgan