

Testimony of Dan and Sally Wade of East Lyme in support of

SB 1016 ACT REGULATING THE PLANTING AND SALE OF RUNNING BAMBOO

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE PUBLIC HEARING

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Representative Gentile, Senator Meyer, for the record our names are Dan and Sally Wade and we are submitting testimony in favor of Senate Bill 1016.

I support the intent of this bill however, I think subsection (b) should omit (on and after [October 1, 2013](#)) to effectively keep all bamboo from spreading to neighboring properties regardless of when or where it was planted.

Due to this plants inherent ability to quickly spread underground, shoot up, and rapidly grow destroying everything in its path, it would be a vicious cycle for the property owner rid him/herself of this invasion without removal or containment of the host plant.

Trespassing onto another person's property is illegal. This plant is a trespasser as it is not welcome on my property yet it invades, occupies, multiplies and destroys my property. Consequently if the owner of this plant which is the source of the invasion is allowed to not contain it, then my property is considered a taking as it is impossible for me to eradicate the invasion which is continual each year as long as the source remains.

This minor modification to the bill is critical to everyone who has been impacted by the destruction of this plant. Our entire life savings have been invested in our properties and to allow our largest financial asset in life to be destroyed is unjust. My neighbor dug a 4 foot deep hole by 60 feet long, placed a liner on his side while placing no barrier on ours, and then planted 16 mature bamboo plants. When he was done he said, "There is nothing you can do, it's perfectly legal". This bamboo is one foot from the property line and forty feet from our septic system.

I urge you to please omit (on and after [October 1, 2013](#)) in subsection (b).

I would like to thank the committee for allowing us to give testimony today.

Sincerely;
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