

To the Environment Committee LOB and to whom it may concern:

I am writing this letter in regards to the proposed Senate Bill 1016, an Act regulating the planting and sale of running bamboo. As a homeowner in the town of Woodbridge, this is of particular concern, as there is a grove of running bamboo encroaching toward my property line. This encroachment threatens my property value, as well as any standing and underground structure. Currently, it has grown to the extent that it now threatens overhead power lines and nearby utility poles and roadways.

I am requesting that the scientific name of this bamboo species, *Phyllostachys aureosulcata* - yellow groove, be named in the bill. Also, I request that liability be assigned each time the bamboo invades. The person growing the bamboo is responsible for the cost to remove the bamboo and repair the damage incurred each time the bamboo invades my property. This particular species of bamboo is aggressively growing and invasive and its invasions are progressively stronger and worse than the year before. The invasion is continual each year, as are the damages.

In conclusion, I fully endorse and support the passage of Senate Bill 1016. Thank you for your attention in this matter.

Sincerely,

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