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Environment Committee LOB  
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Hartford, CT 06106  
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Re: Regulating the Planting and Sale of Running Yellow Groove Bamboo

To Whom It May Concern:

We live on 23 Spruce Lane in Oakdale, CT 06370 and my neighbor planted the yellow groove bamboo along his and our property line six years ago.

It has grown tremendously onto our land and the bamboo at this present time is 20 feet from our house. The bamboo is 10 feet from our septic system. On our property, the length of the bamboo is 60 feet and the width is 25 feet. The overall total length of the bamboo along both property lines is a massive 100 feet. The overall height along both property lines is 35 feet. The bamboo is about 10 feet from our neighbor's house and it is growing above the roofline of his house.

Every year, beginning in the spring, this plant begins to grow 1 to 2 feet in height in our yard. I use my riding lawn mower to cut the bamboo and rhizomes. Every summer our neighbor uses a chainsaw and cuts the bamboo on his side of his property only. We are worried that due to this invasive plant and its roots growing underground, the plant will eventually, invade our land, home, and damage our septic system.

Please help us and others in Connecticut pass legislation and have strict laws and regulations for those families affected by this invasive plant. There needs to be strict guidelines for those homeowners who plant bamboo in residential areas. The new bill should specify that those bamboo owners should be responsible every year for any and all damages on other people's properties. Bamboo owners should be responsible for the removal of this plant. This plant becomes stronger every year as it grows and spreads. The damages are continual each year as it invades properties.

Thank you for your assistance. Please feel free to contact me at (860) 848-9445.

Sincerely,

Esmeraldo Ramos and Rosita Ramos