

March 2013

To: Environmental Committee for Ct. House of Representative
Environmental Commission for CT. State Senate

RE: Connecticut Bamboo Bill

I am writing to express my support for proposed Connecticut Bamboo Bills as I have suffered extensive

damage due to overgrown bamboo encroaching on my property.

The bamboo encroaching on my property is tremendously invasive. I have been fighting this overgrowth for the last 20 years. It has taken fences down, my trees are totally overgrown, the root system has taken out my vegetable garden, nothing can grow, several blades on lawnmowers have been ruined by cutting the overgrowth. The use of my land has been reduced. As I am constantly trying to keep this in check, I have incurred back pain and several trips to the chiropractor.

The bamboo growth is now approaching the Metro North RR. It has grown into and destroyed bee hives on my property. The original source of this is on another street behind the cul de sac where I live. Other neighbors on my street are experiencing similar problems including it growing into basements.

I am writing to support specific provisions in the following proposed bills.

S.B.1016

AN ACT REGULATING THE PLANTING AND SALE OF RUNNING BAMBOO

1) It is essential that liability be assigned each time the bamboo invades - the person growing the bamboo is responsible for the cost to remove the bamboo and damages each time the bamboo invades. Bamboo invades each year worse than the year before. The invasion is **continual each year**. The damages are continual each year.

2) Please clearly designate the scientific name of the species be named in the bill as *Phyllostachys aureosulcata* –yellow groove

"We want the bamboo off our land at NO COST to us whatever it takes"

Sincerely Yours,

Gabriele Kallenborn

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