

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Ines Cuadrado and I live in Durham, CT. I am writing today to express my support for the proposed measures against invasive bamboo in the state of Connecticut (S.B. 1016).

Invasive bamboo affects me personally as my previous neighbors – who have since moved – planted bamboo on their property about four years ago. In the short time since its introduction on my neighbor's property, it has quickly spread onto my own. It continually grows stronger, taller and thicker each year. It is now about twenty (20) feet from my septic tank and, due to its rapid growth and spread, I am concerned about any damages that will more than likely occur in the near future.

I am asking that the proposed bill include a provision that the person growing the bamboo must be responsible for its removal and any damages each year that may/will occur from the invasive bamboo to my property.

I hope that you take the appropriate steps to make sure that this invasive species is dealt with and that CT residents, such as myself, are not subject to its negative effects. Thank you for listening to my concerns.

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