

SRe: S.B. 1016

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Dear Environmental Committee:

My chemotherapy may prevent me from appearing and giving testimony against yellow groove bamboo. So I am sending this testimony in support of Senate Bill 1016.

My neighbors planted yellow groove bamboo. Within ten years it grew taller and wider than their raised ranch. When snow or heavy rain fell the bamboo lay on my driveway. I would cut it, spray it, but it thrived. The bamboo had spread under my asphalt driveway and was headed toward my home. The bamboo was also traveling in the direction of the city storm drain.

Fortunately for me the neighbors had someone come with a backhoe and dump truck to remove the bamboo. I have no idea where or how they disposed of the bamboo. The rhizome (roots) can survive and thrive for years if not disposed properly. This May will tell if the bamboo was eliminated or interrupted.

It is unknown if the bamboo that was removed was disposed properly. It may be multiplying somewhere else.

Please protect our homes from removal costs and damages caused by yellow groove bamboo. It is of utmost importance to include continuing damages if the bamboo survives and thrives after the initial removal.

I believe S.B. 1016 is of utmost importance.

Thank You.

Sincerely,

Marguerite Gagnon