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To Senator Meyer, Representative Gentile and members of the Environment  
Committee of the State of Connecticut,

Re: Legislation of Bamboo

At the request of Holly Johnson of Summerhill Nursery, who gave testimony on behalf of the commercial nursery industry in your state, I have put together some intelligent information regarding "running" bamboo. As a past-president of the American Bamboo Society (a 501-c3 educational organization), as a professional horticulturist with over 20 years experience with bamboo (see my resume attached), and as Executive Director of the World Bamboo Organization (a 501-c6 trade association), I feel the legislation regarding bamboo in the state of Connecticut has been mis-guided, and due solely to poor review of known science and a result of a few people's irrational hysteria. I am sure there are more people in the state of Connecticut pleased with their plantings of bamboo (and who manage their spread), compared to those people who are unhappy with bamboo. As the old adage goes, the squeaky wheel gets greased. A pity.

Please review the documents submitted by Holly Johnson. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me by telephone or email.

With respect,



Susanne Lucas

