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Testimony H.B. 6032

Dear Environment Committee,

I have lived in Lyme on a 1.3 acre plot with 50' on the Connecticut River since 1986. About 10 years ago my neighbor planted 160' of bamboo along our mutual property line. It grew to 24' tall. The rhizome shoots migrated and started to appear in my driveway two years ago.

After passage of SB72 last year I was able to call to his attention (through my attorney) that his "forest" had to be eradicated. He has had the stalks cut and dug out by hand but I don't believe he has accomplished the mission completely. I believe it is being "maintained". It is important that the Zoning Officers of Lyme have the full authority to enforce the law should these shoots continue to appear on my property as well as his. These plants are not only a nuisance, but they create rifts between neighbors, crush property values and most importantly, destroy our precious environment.

Therefore, I ask that you include the following items in House Bill 6032:

- 1 - Clear wording that bamboo shall not be *maintained* or allowed to *exist* within the 40' buffer zone.
- 2 - Enforcement narrowed to Zoning Officers (since the DEEP has no resources) with fines *payable to the municipality*.
- 3 - Add that the Court can also enforce the 40' buffer zone with *attorney fees, costs and disbursements* paid to the prevailing party.

Thank you for your attention to this very important matter.

Sincerely,

Amy Day Kahn