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**H.B. 6032 AN ACT CLARIFYING PROVISIONS OF THE GENERAL STATUTES  
CONCERNING THE USE OF BARRIER SYSTEMS FOR CERTAIN PLANTINGS**

Dear Environment Committee,

I live in Newtown, CT and thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony today for H.B.6032

While I support the intent of H.B.6032, I ask that the following three items be added to enable enforcement of the 40 foot buffer zone on existing bamboo.

1) Clear wording that bamboo shall not be maintained or allowed to EXIST within the 40 foot buffer zone regardless of when the bamboo was planted.

2) Enforcement narrowed to Zoning Officers with fines payable to the municipality.

3) ADD that the Court can also enforce the 40 foot buffer zone with attorney fees, costs and disbursements paid to the prevailing party.

The damage running bamboo causes to property is phenomenal, as well as the speed at which it invades underground.

We need a law that is strong and clear. The three additions above will enable enforcement of the buffer zone on existing bamboo, and strengthen the law. This will stop the continual spread and damage currently occurring.

Sincerely,

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