

Testimony for H.B. 6032

An Act Clarifying Provisions of the General Statutes Concerning the Use of Barrier Systems for Certain Plantings.

Testimony of:

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Dear Environmental Committee:

With reference to H.B. 6032, we would request that the committee consider adding the following 3 items to said bill in order to both strengthen and allow 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 (since DEEP has no resources) 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.

Our neighboring property is in a wetland area and 4 stands of tall bamboo were planted about 5 years ago and have now begun to spread into the stream bed and closer towards our property line. In light of the potential environmental hazard posed by bamboo to *all* of Connecticut's natural habitats, we thank you in advance for any considerations you give to our request.

Robert and Janice Laneri