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RE: HOUSE BILL 6032

Dear Environment Committee,

I am one of the people that has been dealt an unfortunate situation by my inconsiderate neighbor. Approximately 6 years ago the people behind me planted bamboo (hidden by a 6 foot fence). When I saw a shoot in my yard, I asked them if they planted bamboo. He stated that he had. I asked him to remove it immediately as I did not want it in my yard. I asked if they had done research prior to planting and they did not. The reason why I recognized the shoot was because I did research Bamboo. I wanted to create a privacy wall as well, but after research decided strongly against it. Instead of destroying the bamboo, they replanted on the side of their house. It has completely invaded the next door neighbors home and is traveling to the home next to mine. It is located on the corner of four properties. It is growing at a rapid pace and is approx. 20-30 feet tall. I have approached all the neighbors and no one cares except for me. "So what "It is just Bamboo" is the comment.

I have been to town meetings, to City Hall to file complaints and am told each time that they cannot help me.

**PLEASE amend the Bamboo Bill 6032 to:**

- 1) Clearly word that bamboo shall not be maintained or allowed to EXIST within the 40 foot buffer zone regardless of when 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 prevailing party.**

I work hard to maintain my property and pay my taxes. Why should my property be destroyed and devalued because of the ignorance of my neighbor. I implore you to make these changed so that people who plant this destructive plant should be held accountable for their actions.

Respectfully,

Christine Begej