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To: Environment Committee

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

I am writing today to support the intent of this bill, but ask that it include three items to clarify and enable enforcement of the buffer zone:

**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.**

Running bamboo is an invasive plant that can cause damage to sewer systems, wells, and home foundations. It grows at a fast rate and can cause damage to neighbor's homes and property.

In our situation our mother/mother-in-law has a neighbor who planted Running Bamboo almost 3 years ago, close to her property line. We are concerned that this existing bamboo will cause damage to her property in the very near future. Currently the bamboo owner is allowing it to spread further.

She and other neighbors are in danger of the existing bamboo planted invading their property and causing damage. This is not something she planted, but will have to deal with when it encroaches on her property.

We strongly urge that you consider this bill with the three additions.

Sincerely, Sharon and Edward Wynne, Jr.