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S.B. 79 AN ACT CLARIFYING PROVISIONS  
OF THE GENERAL STATUTES REGARDING THE USE OF PROPERLY INSTALLED  
AND CONSTRUCTED BARRIER SYSTEMS FOR CERTAIN PLANTINGS

Dear Environment Committee,

Feb. 17, 2016

For the record my name is Caryn Rickel of 13 Edgehill Terr., Seymour, CT. I am writing today to you, members of the Environment Committee, to support the intent of S.B. 79 with the following two additions:

1) ADD 3 words or to grow to subsection (c) to clarify the 40 foot buffer zone

subsection (c) - No person shall plant running bamboo or allow running bamboo to be planted or to grow on his or her property at a location that is forty feet or less from any abutting property or public right-of-way.

2) ADD a new subsection (g) to the various subsections -

subsection (g) - A private right of action may be maintained by an adjoining property owner to enforce the provisions of subsection (c) of this statute. The plaintiff is entitled to attorneys' fees, and costs and disbursements if he/she is the prevailing party.

These two additions are necessary to make the law clear and enforceable.

This clarifies the 40 foot buffer zone and also enables enforcement of the buffer zone.

With these two items a person will finally have recourse to be able to get enforcement as intended, and stop the continual damage caused by *Phyllostachys* invasive running bamboo.

We have worked very hard together to have a clear and enforceable law as intended.

This will be a law we can be proud of and that others will follow.

Very truly yours,  
Caryn Rickel, CPCU  
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Photo Exhibit Attached







Running bamboo damage to property in Bozrah, CT