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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,

I live in Newtown, CT and thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony today for S.B. 79

While I support the intent of S.B.79, I ask that the following two items be added to further clarify the language for enforcement of the 40 foot buffer zone on existing bamboo as intended.

1) ADD or to grow. These three words clarify the 40 foot buffer zone.

2) ADD subsection (g) – to authorize an individual to get enforcement of the buffer zone in court themselves, and authorize attorney fees.

Language needed:

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 attorney fees and costs if he/she is 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, that will enable enforcement of the buffer zone on existing bamboo. This will stop the continual spread and damage currently occurring.

Sincerely,
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