

To: Environment Committee

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Senate Bill 79, Nuisance Bamboo

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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.

I support the intent of S.B. 79 but ask that the two items below be included in the bill.

- 1) Add the 3 words "or to grow". These three words clarify the 40 foot buffer zone.
- 2) Add 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."

Property located at 247 Rope Ferry Rd., Waterford, Ct is infested with over 100 Bamboo Shoots. This property resembles a rain forest. This property belongs to my neighbor.

The property boundary line between 243 Rope Ferry Rd and 247 Rope Ferry Rd consists of a 2ft deep ditch with a stream and beautiful stone walls. Young Bamboo shoots have invaded these stone walls. Rich nutritious soil of the stream has allowed the "Running Bamboo" to spread onto my property. (243 Rope Ferry Rd.)

I had intentions of building a garage on my property, but I have great fear and hesitation knowing that Bamboo Roots (called rhizomes) rapidly grow horizontally and can penetrate causing severe damage to the structure of the garage as well as the foundation of my home.

I am requesting the Environment Committee to put in place measures to protect my property.

Please protect my home and property by clarifying the law to allow for private enforcement of the buffer zone. As a Senior Citizen as well as a homeowner, I appreciate your assistance in assisting me in maintaining a safe home, and stopping the damaging spread of running bamboo.

Sincerely,

Jean Walden

Images Attached

