

Dear Environment Committee

My written testimony for 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 am requesting the items below need to be included in Senate Bill 79. I support the intent of the bill but feel strongly that the two items below be included in the bill.

1. Add three (3) words (or to grow) these three words clarity the 40ft 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 bad costs and disbursements if he/she is the prevailing party.

My home is located in Wallingford,CT. The rear of my property abuts 23+ acres of Home Association open space. This open space abuts the Meriden Water Co. Property. The concern and potential problem is a homeowner that has planted running bamboo along the perimeter of his property. This perimeter comes in contact with property lines of 5 other residential homes, the open space and Meriden Water Co property. The bamboo has crossed into two residential properties. One property has been compromised by 15' already with bamboo growing and coming up under a utility shed. This is unfair and destructive to this homeowner. This homeowner who planted the bamboo and is allowed to have it should be held responsible for its removal and make whole the affected properties. This bamboo needs to be removed before it reaches the open space if it hasn't already. Your assistance and amendments to this bill is crucial to this problem being corrected fairly but in all affected areas in this state.

Respectfully submitted

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