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Dear Environment Committee:

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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**

My name is Kenneth Longo. I am 80 years old and not able to attend the public hearing due to health issues.

My property is being invaded by yellow groove running bamboo. Because I am unable to get enforcement this is becoming a big problem on my property.

The rhizomes are invading worse every year. The damage is continuing and has now reached under my decking, spreading rapidly about twenty feet into my property. The bamboo spikes are shooting up through slots in my deck and causing great damage. It continues invading from the neighbors bamboo planted all across the property line. I cannot physically handle this anymore and need this law to be enforced to stop the continual damage to my property. What is going to happen to my property if nothing is done? This cannot be ignored.

I support S.B. 79, but ask that it include two items:

**1) add “or to grow” – 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 subsection (g) – to the subsections - authorizing an individual to seek private enforcement of the buffer zone themselves in court and authorize attorney fees and costs.**

**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 attorney fees and costs if he/she is the prevailing party.

Sincerely,  
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