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Dear Environment Committee:

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 Marguerite Gagnon. I am sending this testimony to support the intent of S.B. 79, and ask that it include the following two additions to clarify and enable enforcement as intended.

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

Running bamboo causes great environmental damage as well as financial damage.

The law needs to be clear and enable enforcement to protect our property from the continual damage caused by running bamboo.

Sincerely,
Marguerite Gagnon