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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 support the intent of the bill but would like the bill to include:

- 1) ADD or to grow. To be clear on the buffer zone, we need not allow to grow.
- 2) ADD subsection (g) to the various subsections – that will authorize an individual to seek private enforcement of the buffer zone themselves in court and authorize attorney fees.

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.

Over six years ago my neighbor planted *Phyllostachys aureosulcata* - yellow groove bamboo on my property border. The bamboo started to grow and spread like wildfire through my vegetable garden, which is a key component to my success as a caterer. The bamboo is now surfacing further all across my lawn and will consume the entire front lawn, my huge vegetable garden and area equivalent to half an acre of my property. The items suggested above would enable the law to be enforced to protect those who are victimized by its growth and destruction. I am approaching retirement and fear not being able to sell my home. The bamboo is spreading further underground and will destroy my property. I urge you and the legislature to pass S.B. 79 with the items above included to clarify the law to stop the continual damage caused by running bamboo. This will protect law abiding homeowners from invasions of bamboo.

Sincerely,  
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