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Re: SB 79

I am in support of this Bill.

I have heard from others interested in this legislation that testimony is being made to the effect that Yellow Groove Bamboo can be contained. I have worked to remove yellow groove bamboo from this and other properties around Fairfield County and can say that real, lasting containment is not possible in the longer term. Once barriers are put in place around the plant, the roots will tend to grow down rather than out and will eventually escape any barriers which may be in place. The contained part of the plant will only be more difficult to remove as a result. A thick, steel like rhizome mass will be created which will usually require power excavating equipment to remove completely, and unless it is removed completely it will eventually spread.

There is no easy solution to the potential problems created by this non-native and highly invasive plant other than very hard work or a lot of time and expense to remove. I've always told friends and others thinking about using this grass as a fast growing privacy barrier or sound shield to stop thinking about. It is never worth the potential problems which will inevitably follow, and I always remind them of the fact that this plant has no business in this part of the world. It is a destroyer of property and good relations between neighbors.

Sincerely,

Tom Corcoran