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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

I strongly support the intent of this bill, and ask that it include two items to clarify:

1) add not allow to “grow” – by adding these three words “or to grow” the statute will be clear for the buffer zone as intended.

2) add subsection (g) – to authorize an individual to seek private enforcement of the buffer zone themselves in court and authorize attorney fees.

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.

I live in Torrington, and have seen firsthand the damage caused by an invasion of yellow groove bamboo. My friend Jean Killianys property was recently invaded by yellow groove which spread rapidly to her retaining wall causing damage.

The presence of running bamboo greatly lowers a properties market value.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

Sincerely Yours,
Virginia Brown