

## Raszka Shelley

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**From:** Patrino Beth  
**Sent:** Monday, February 10, 2014 2:13 PM  
**To:** Raszka Shelley  
**Subject:** FW: HB 4139

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**From:** Mary Addams [<mailto:maryaddamsor@yahoo.com>]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 10, 2014 1:41 PM  
**To:** Patrino Beth  
**Subject:** HB 4139

Dear Ms. Patrino,

I am very much in favor of HB 4139 because our bees need more protection than they are currently getting under EPA guidelines. Unlike the Oregon Farm Bureau and other paid lobbying groups, I have no financial interest in this issue, except of course, if our plants don't get pollinated by insect pollinators, we will have to hand pollinate like they do in China, and the cost of everyone's food will skyrocket.

I'm very much concerned with how we're treating our planet. All the eco-systems seem to be on the brink of collapse--the oceans, the soil, the rivers, the forests, the air, the water we drink, the climate, and all the species we are killing off with our lifestyles and practices (destroying their habitat, e.g.). When are we going to stop compromising our home (the only one we have at the moment) for the benefit of the wealthy?

There have been recent studies coming out of Europe showing that neonicotinoids are killing the bees, both with lethal and sub-lethal doses. Xerces Society can also provide one with exceptional research on this subject.

Thank you  
Mary Addams  
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