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OR Senate Committee on Environment and Natural Resources Senator Michael Dembrow

Senator Alan Olsen

Senator Herman Baeertschiger Jr.

Senator Floyd Prozanski Senator Arnie Roblan

Dear Senators,

Please support Senate Bill 929 Neonicotinoids as Restricted Use Pesticides. Neonicotinoids are very harmful to pollinators should have strict codes on use. The Oregon State Dept of Agriculture should be required to classify neonicotinoids as very restricted use pesticides. This bill will help with education. There have been several accidents of large bee kills with under educated personnel of Oregon pesticide applicator's. ODA should provide Expensive Fines for Bee Kills and other pollinators. Bees, Butterflies and Moths numbers are continuing to drop. We must find working solutions, before all of the pollinators are endangered or extinct. We must take Immediate Action. SB 929 is a good start. Only time will tell, if just this action is enough.

I strongly support the increased Restricted Use of Neonicotinoids. Thank you for your consideration to the importance of SB 929 for pollinators producing Food for All Species. Pollinator's are a Keystone Species.

Sincerely, Cyndi Karp Watershed Advocate