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**To:** [Raszka Shelley](#)  
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Dear Ms. Raszka,

I am writing in support of SB 929—the Oregon Pollinator Protection Act.

By saving our bees, you will be also save so much more.

The pesticides containing neonicotinoids are hazardous to the health of our pollinators, but by their nature live on in plants and the soils.

I no longer enjoy a day at the nursery selecting plants for my yard without being sure that nursery isn't selling me plants contaminated with this chemical.

How can we be sure if the law does not protect unwitting buyers?

When I bought my home in Netarts in 2003, the yard was teeming with bees.

Last summer, I could count the number of bees I saw on one hand. *All summer.*

It's also rare that I see butterflies.

I'm troubled when I see some of my neighbors opt for the perfect yard by spraying.

Often, the waves of spray from their wands suggests they are using way more than the directions advise.

Plants take up that spray in their vascular systems and hold onto it, affecting birds, butterflies, insects, and possibly pets.

All of our yards run off into Netarts Bay and into the Pacific.

Chemicals containing neonicotinoids are toxic even when used properly.

We need laws to save us and all living things from them.

Moreover, we need policy makers willing to take a stand with legislation that will educate people to understand how neonicotinoids are hazardous to all of us and to our entire ecosystem.

I urge you to take legislative action against neoticotinoids now.

Sincerely,

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