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Dear members of the Senate Committee on Environment and Natural Resources ; I am writing this letter to strongly urge you to support SB 929, the Oregon Pollinator Protection Act, which as you know, limits the use of neonicotinoid pesticides to licensed or permitted professionals.

Our bee population in Oregon has been declining rapidly in the last few years, and the use of neonicotinoids has been shown to be a major contributor to that decline. Bees and other pollinators are responsible for the rich plant diversity in Oregon and all over the planet in fact, and we must do everything we can to stop this decline. Taking this category of chemical out of the hands of untrained and unlicensed individuals is a big step toward establishing the safety of our pollinator population, and the plant world they support

.I also urge you to remember that roughly 30 % of our food supply must be pollinated by insects that are being decimated by these neonicotinoid pesticides. How healthy would you and your family and your community be if a full third of your diet was eliminated?

Thank you for your consideration of this measure.

Sincerely,

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