

Dear Senate Committee for Environment and Natural Resources:

I am writing because of my appreciation for the value of bees in my life. I run a small farm just outside of Portland, OR and I have a hive of honey bees. My appreciation does not end with just honey - I intimately know the importance of pollinators for food production as well as a vital part of our entire ecosystem - **without pollinators the world that sustains us and every other living thing would collapse.**

Oregon's native pollinators are in decline - and pesticides used by often unsuspecting homeowners is just a part of the problem - but a part that you can address by supporting SB 929.

I ask you to go further - with great urgency - to ban pesticides all together. Our future depends on it.

Thank you for your time,

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