

Dear Chair Dembrow,

On behalf of my employer I am writing to oppose SB 928 and SB 929.

Farmers both love and need bees but without proof of why their population is declining why should farmers be the only ones who are looked at? Bee populations have been declining for many reasons such as habitat loss, inconsistent weather patterns and toxins from all different sources.

Farmers use pesticides only when necessary and only as directed under the rules and regulations of the USDA and the EPA. These proposed bills do not change any of these rules but instead require farmers to add a label to their products if certain pesticides are applied. I am having a hard time understanding how adding a label or requiring a certified applicator will help restore the bee population without proof that the pesticide is for certain the problem.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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