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Senators, me and my family fully support the protections provided by SB929 for bees and other pollinators that are so critical to our environment, economy, and lives. We are citizens of Rockaway Beach and are very very concerned about the decline in pollinator species here in Oregon and elsewhere, and SB929 is a practical way to begin to turn the trend around and restore these vitally important allies we have in nature.

Related to this, we are 100% opposed to use of pesticides in aerial or hand spraying of forestlands, and we think tougher restrictions on residential, commercial, and industrial use of neonicotinoid and other pesticides is fully warranted, as is better labeling and training on proper use when that use is absolutely necessary. There are numerous alternatives to pesticides that are indiscriminant in what they kill, and we know that good legislation such as SB929 will help reduce or eliminate use of toxic chemicals that then have a devastating effect on pollinators and so many other species.

We also urge you support SB929 because of its benefits to public health in terms of better air quality, drinking water quality, and clean habitat for fisheries and wildlife.

Thank you for your support of this common sense bill that will generate multiple health, economic, and environmental benefits for our state and beyond.

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