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A non-profit coalition to promote the efficient production of quality food and fiber while protecting human health, personal property and the environment, through the integrated, responsible use of pest management products, soil nutrients and biotechnology.

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Re: HB 2531

Representative Reardon and members of the Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Wildfire Recovery,

Oregonians for Food and Shelter (OFS) is a grassroots coalition of farmers, foresters, and other technology users focused on natural resource issues involving pesticides, fertilizers, and biotechnology. We are writing you today in support of House Bill 2531.

Concerns around pesticide use and potential impacts to bees remain high priority concerns for all pesticide users, and particularly those involved in agriculture. Oregon growers depend on bees to pollinate their crops, while also depending on pesticides to protect crops against destructive pests. Similarly, commercial beekeepers rely on healthy crops to optimize pollination services. Thus, growers and beekeepers share a vested interest in ensuring that both bees and crops can be kept healthy.

OFS has long supported proactive efforts to address pollinator health through effective outreach and education. We appreciate the role Oregon State University has played in the state pollinator health outreach and education plan. And we welcome the addition of Oregon State Forestry Department, the Department of Transportation, and the State Department of Fish and Wildlife as consulting agencies to the plan.

We are happy to continue to support the efforts within this bill, including collaboration with the extending the outreach and education to our members.

Sincerely,

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