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I was a beekeeper.

They thrive when they are allowed to coexist in the natural environment.

Again, I was a beekeeper.

The closest neighbors sprayed neonicotinoids on their property one evening. I woke up to total colony collapse. The bees and their queen had all died. Their bodies were the deepest shades to white. They suffocated. Every damn one. These bees kept life thriving year after year. It only took one stupid decision by a neighbor to spray and that one spray wiped out every beehive for miles. No, get that crap out of circulation and at the very least, stop spraying the vulnerable. Humans and bees alike. Consider this bill carefully and let's support these live saving creatures and stop spraying. The bees die, we die. We need our pollinators, they are our closest allies.