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Hi this is Zoe from Cascades Academy's Eco club and I just want to let you know you should support bill 2679. Neonicotinoid pesticides are so dangerous and very harmful to pollinators.

Bees are one of the most important insects in the world. They pollinate plants, which helps us grow fruits, vegetables, and even flowers. Without bees, we wouldn't have many of the foods we love, like apples, strawberries, or almonds. But right now, bees are in trouble.

One big reason they're dying is because of chemicals called neonicotinoid pesticides. These pesticides are used on crops, but they hurt bees by making it hard for them to find their way back to their hives. Some studies even show that these chemicals can kill bees. And when bees die, our food supply is in danger too.

As kids, we're taught to take care of the Earth and all the animals on it. But how can we do that if we keep using something that we know is bad for bees? I believe it's our responsibility to protect these tiny pollinators because they help keep nature in balance.

That's why I think we should ban neonicotinoid pesticides. Instead, we should use safer methods that don't harm bees or the environment. Together, we can make sure bees have a safe place to live and continue doing their amazing work.

Thank you for listening and for helping to save the bees!