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My name is Tela, and I'm a 6th grader at Cascades Academy. I love nature, and I think bees are amazing creatures. Today, I'm here to talk about why we should ban neonicotinoid pesticides to protect bees.

Bees are really important because they help plants grow by pollinating them. This means that without bees, we wouldn't have many of the fruits, vegetables, and flowers that we love. In fact, bees help pollinate about one-third of the food we eat. Imagine a world without apples, strawberries, or even chocolate! That would be so sad.

Neonicotinoid pesticides are very harmful to bees. They can make bees confused, tired, and even sick. Sometimes, bees can't find their way back to their hive because of these pesticides. This is really bad because bees work together as a team, and they need each other to survive.

I think it's important to find safer ways to protect our crops without hurting bees.

There are other methods we can use that don't involve harmful chemicals. We need to remember that bees are our friends, and we should take care of them.

By banning neonicotinoid pesticides, we can help save the bees and protect our environment. Let's make sure that future generations can enjoy the beauty of nature and have plenty of delicious fruits and vegetables to eat.

Thank you for listening.