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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Climate, Energy, and Environment

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2679

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to express my strong support for HB 2679 which seeks to restrict the use of neonicotinoids. Scientific research has repeatedly demonstrated that neonicotinoids are highly toxic to bees, butterflies, and other pollinators, contributing to widespread population declines and disrupting the delicate balance of our ecosystems.

Pollinators play a crucial role in maintaining biodiversity, supporting native plant populations, and sustaining wildlife habitats. The decline of these species due to neonicotinoid exposure has cascading effects, leading to habitat degradation, reduced food sources for other animals, and weakened ecosystems that struggle to recover. Furthermore, neonicotinoids have been found to persist in soil and water, contaminating natural resources and harming aquatic invertebrates, which are foundational to many ecosystems.

The environmental consequences of unrestricted neonicotinoid use are too severe to ignore. By passing HB 2679, Oregon has the opportunity to take meaningful action in protecting pollinators and preserving the ecological integrity of our natural landscapes. Many other states and countries have already implemented similar restrictions, recognizing the urgent need to curb the use of these harmful chemicals before more damage is done.

I urge you to support HB 2679 and advocate for policies that prioritize environmental health over short-term convenience. Our ecosystems depend on bold leadership and decisive action. Thank you for your leadership on this critical issue.

Sincerely,
Rebecca Goodwin