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Our pollinators and wildlife need protection from harmful neonicotinoid pesticides! Pollinators such as bees, butterflies and other beneficial insects are essential to Oregon's agricultural economy, food systems, and ecosystems!

However, neonicotinoids have been linked to massive declines in pollinator populations over the past few decades. These highly systemic pesticides disrupt pollinators' ability to navigate, forage, and reproduce, leading to colony collapse and severe ecological consequences. It's our responsibility to take action and prevent further declines in pollinator populations before it is too late!

A pesticide applicator license should be required to purchase and apply neonicotinoids. Use should be restricted, given the huge negative impact these pesticides have on our environment and our beneficial insects.