

To the representatives of the NH Environment and Agriculture Committee,

Regarding 2026 House Bill HB 1431-FN; I am writing to ask you to consider approving this bill restricting the use of neonicotinoid pesticides and creating an educational program about the use of such pesticides and alternatives. This pesticide impairs or kills bees, butterflies, other pollinators on the plants and insects in the soil where the coated seeds are planted and then the pesticides, potentially, leach through the soil and end up in water ways. The contaminated water is then ingested by humans, invertebrates and beneficial insects. Pollinators are essential for producing our fruits and vegetables. The animals and beneficial insects help to provide a balanced ecosystem.

Thank you very much for your attention, hard work and consideration for the future of our fruit, produce availability and a healthy ecosystem.

Respectively,

Virginia Notter