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NH House Environment and Agriculture Committee
C/o The Honorable Judy Aron, Chair

Re: **HB 1431-FN, restricting the use of neonicotinoid pesticides & HB 1086-FN, prohibiting the sale of certain agricultural seeds treated with neonicotinoids**

Dear Madam Chair and Members of the Committee:

NH Farm Bureau opposes both HB 1431 & HB 1086. In the mid-1980's the NH Legislature understood the need to regulate pesticides. The complexity of pesticides and their use was also understood. As a result, the Division of Pesticide Control, governed by the expertise of the members of a Pesticide Control Board, was established and given broad authority as set out in RSA 430:31 which begins as follows:

430:31 Board Responsibility and Authority. –
The board shall:
I. Establish policies and goals relative to the sale and use of pesticides.

The board was also provided broad rulemaking authority and language in the statute specifically requires it: *Receive and address requests from any member of the public for a hearing before the board* (RSA 431:31, II-a).

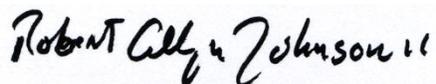
This process – of addressing a request relative to neonicotinoids - is already underway by the Board.

There are neonicotinoids that have an important place in Integrated Pest Management and in growing crops successfully in New Hampshire. Their use here should be regulated by the authority that already exists – the NH Division of Pesticide Control. Their sale and use should not be legislated. Some of what is proposed (in HB 1431) is already taking place, otherwise, the bills set a bad precedent.

We very much oppose both HB 1431 and HB 1086 and ask the committee recommend both bills Inexpedient-to-Legislate.

We thank you for your consideration of our testimony.

Sincerely,



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New Hampshire Farm Bureau (NHFB) is a non-profit federation, established in 1916, of New Hampshire's 10 county Farm Bureau organizations which consist of 2,500 NH farm families and supporting members statewide. NHFB is dedicated to advocating for and educating the public about agriculture. NHFB is a general farm organization where the members establish policy and direction through a member driven policy development process. We are "The Voice of Agriculture" in New Hampshire.