PETITION TO THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

We, the undersigned, citizens of Canada draw the attention of the House to the following:

THAT, pollinators, including honeybees, are a central element of our food system and a critical pillar of our ecology;

THAT, the impact of honeybees extends far beyond the pollination of commercial agricultural crops, but the monetary value of just this service is estimated to be in the hundreds of billions of dollars globally each year;

THAT, in the past decade, extreme declines in bee populations have been measured across North America and throughout Europe, prompting widespread concern from citizens, scientists, and many governments;

THAT, many theories have been put forward for this collapse of the bee population, but one of the most likely is a class of pesticides called neonicotinoids, which attack insects' central nervous systems causing paralysis and death, and have proven very harmful in sub-lethal quantities;

THAT, following major scientific review of the risks associated with these pesticides, the European Commission began the process of implementing a full ban on the use of neonicotinoids in 2017.

THEREFORE, YOUR PETITIONERS call upon the Government of Canada to, For the sake of our bees and our food security, follow Europe's lead, and adhere to the precautionary principle by banning the use of neonicotinoids in Canada.

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