

**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;

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

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;

While many theories have been put forward for this collapse of the bee population, 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;

In a responsible attempt to head off this crisis, and following a major scientific review of the risks associated with these pesticides, on April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2013, the European Commission has acted on the precautionary principle and placed the use of these pesticides under heavy restrictions for a two year period while additional studies can be conducted;

**THEREFORE,**

**Petition calling 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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1. A petition should contain signatures of residents of Canada only.
2. There is no minimum age requirement for anyone signing a petition.
3. Each petitioner must sign, not print, their name directly on the petition.
4. If a petitioner cannot sign because of illness or a disability, this must be noted on the petition and the note signed by a witness. Aside from this exception, you can only sign for yourself.
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