Today’s Date

Dear (Your MPPs name):

I am writing to express my growing concern over our government’s need to protect the health of Ontario's bees.

The situation in Ontario regarding bee kills caused by the widespread application of neonicotinoid pesticides to corn and soy plantings paints a worrisome picture. We have observed a sharp decline in our bee population. Ontario beekeepers are experiencing dramatic losses of thousands of colonies, some so great that many beekeepers will go out of business. And we are finding persistent traces of these neurotoxins in water and soil samples.

Bees are responsible for pollinating most of our local food crops and to put them at risk puts us at risk.

*We need the government of Ontario to take action and suspend the use of these highly toxic pesticides before the coming planting season.*

Ontario needs to take the lead. The federal government will not be completing its review of these pesticides until 2016 or later. Health Canada and overwhelming scientific literature has clearly linked the use of neonicotinoids with bee declines, and Europe has recently adopted a two-year suspension.

As my Member of Provincial Parliament, I urge you to contact our Ministers of Environment and Agriculture and express your support for a temporary suspension. I have attached a Q and A document that concisely summarizes key points and the scientific literature.

I look forward to your response to my concerns.

Sincerely,

Your name here

cc: Ontario Beekeepers Association info@ontariobee.com

att: Q and A document, OBA