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RE: H655 An Act protecting Massachusetts pollinators
DT: 16 November 2015

Dear Honorable Chairs and Members of the Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture,

Thank you for considering *H655, An Act protecting Massachusetts pollinators* before your committee on November 17th.

This bill restricts the use of the Neonicotinoid pesticide, which has been shown to be a factor in the collapse of the bee colonies. The bill would require a user of the pesticide to have a license. Most if not all farms and other large commercial users of pesticides already have licenses to use pesticides—so this is not an undue hardship on them. The goal of the bill is to limit the use of this pesticide to users, who are licensed, trained, and knows the impact of the chemical on its environment and would use it in a responsible manner.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this bill. I respectfully request that *H655, An Act protecting Massachusetts pollinators* be released favorably and expeditiously from your committee.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Paul Heroux".

Paul Heroux