

Please find attached information we hope you will consider in your deliberations on H. 626. You will find information that shows:

- Insecticides are 48 times more toxic to insects now than 20 years ago because of neonicotinoids and are increasing toxic loads on the land
- Neonicotinoid seeds don't actually increase corn and soy yield
- Where found in NY water, tests show toxic levels 90-100% of the time
- The EPA knew that neonic soybean seeds weren't effective in 2014
- Treated seeds cost quite a bit more than untreated seeds
- The European Union ban is working
- Neonics don't kill slugs; they kill the insects that eat slugs
- Alternative controls for wireworms exist
- Wildlife has access to treated seed during spring planting

Thank you for your work on this important legislation.