

Dear Committee Members<

I am writing to request your support for [NOFA-VT and Rural Vermont's redraft of H.626](#) which requires AAFM to phase out prophylactic use of neonics by 2024 and support farmers in accessing untreated seed and implementing Integrated Pest Management (IPM).

My wife and I were bee keepers and growers of organic gardens plants and lost our bees and suspect chemicals from neighboring farms were probably the cause and our crops and food supplies need our bees and other insects to pollinate- the science is worldwide about the destructive effect of chemicals in farming and we are all paying the price- it is time for Vermont to act- Thank you very much

Love and Blessings, Paul



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