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House Committee on Agriculture, Food Resiliency, and Forestry  
Vermont State House  
115 State Street  
Montpelier, VT 05633-5301

**Re: Bill H.706 – Banning Use of Neonicotinoid Pesticides (Neonics)**

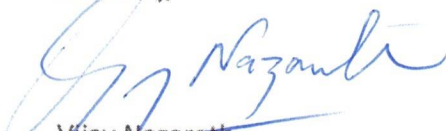
Dear Chairman Durfee, Vice Chairman Surprenant, Ranking Member Graham, and Committee Members,


The Champlain Valley Farmer Coalition (CVFC) has provided both oral and written testimony on H.706 before the House and Senate Agriculture Committees.

In our testimony, we have indicated our support for the NY bill to the extent risk to farmers can be mitigated. A key component to risk mitigation in the NY bill is the waiver process, which is significantly different from the exemption process in H.706. Steve Dwinell, Director, Public Health and Agricultural Resource Management, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets, pointed out the differences in his testimony before the Committee on Friday, April 12, 2024.

We reiterate our support for the waiver process in the NY bill and thank the Committee for its consideration.

Sincerely,

  
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