



July 24, 2018

Andrew Gottlieb
Executive Director

The Honorable Robert DeLeo, Speaker of the House
State House, Room 356
24 Beacon Street
Boston, MA 02133

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RE: H. 4041, *An Act to Protect Massachusetts Pollinators*

Charles Sumner
Vice President

Dear Speaker DeLeo:

Robert Summersgill
Treasurer

The Association to Preserve Cape Cod (APCC), the Cape's leading region-wide nonprofit environmental advocacy and education organization, respectfully urges you to bring H. 4041, *An Act to Protect Massachusetts Pollinators*, to the floor for a vote.

Maureen O'Shea
Clerk

Robert Ciolek

Bees and other pollinators are vital for our environment and our food system. Scientists have implicated neonicotinoid insecticides (neonics) as a leading cause of global pollinator decline.

Michael Corrigan

DeeDee Holt

However, neonics are also contaminating streams and rivers at an alarming rate, according to recent findings by the U.S. Geological Survey. The overuse of these pesticides is threatening to collapse aquatic ecosystems.

Thomas Huettner

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H. 4041 would restrict the use of neonics to licensed pesticide applicators only, which would help in controlling its overuse and misuse.

Blue Magruder

Eliza McClennen

Kris Ramsay

It is vital that Massachusetts protects its water, its food and its beneficial insects. We urge you to bring H. 4041, *An Act to Protect Massachusetts Pollinators*, to the floor for a vote. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Taryn Wilson

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Andrew Gottlieb', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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Executive Director

cc: Sen. Julian Cyr Rep. William Crocker
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