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Honorable Steve Englebright  
New York State Assembly  
Chair, Committee of Environmental Conservation  
Legislative Office Building  
Albany, New York 12248

Dear Assemblyman, Englebright,

The Trustees of the Freeholders and Commonalty of the Town of East Hampton fully support a ban on the sale, distribution, and use of all neonicotinoid pesticides.

As stewards of our waterways—harbors, ponds, estuaries, salt marshes, and the environment in general—the Trustees and our community are concerned about the deleterious impact of all pesticides. Our commitment to clean drinking water and recreational waters is paramount—our fisheries depend upon habitable waters. The use of pesticides seeps into our soil and eventually our water.

There are many beekeepers on the east end of Long Island. The increase in die-off of honeybees and bumble bees due to insecticide application every year is visibly apparent.

We greatly appreciate the opportunity to address the issue with your committee and thank you in advance for your efforts to improve and maintain our environment.

Sincerely,

Francis J. Bock, Clerk  
The East Hampton Town Trustees