What to Say to Your Legislators

Minnesotans are doing what we can to protect bees. But to turn the tide on pollinator decline, we need our decision makers to step up and create stronger policies at the state level to protect our pollinators. Minnesota needs policies that truly protect pollinators:

- **Restrict neonicotinoids**: Neonics are a driving factor in pollinator decline. Minnesota should immediately restrict or suspend their use.

- **Fund farmers to implement pollinator-friendly practices**: Farmers who transition away from using neonic pesticides should be supported for their pollinator-friendly practices. The state can create initiative to support farmers.

- **Restore local control over pesticide policy**: Minnesota’s “preemption” law prevents local government from passing pesticide policies that are stricter than state law. This keeps local communities from setting their own standards for pesticide use.

- **Increase transparency about pesticide use**: When pesticides are applied, they don’t stay where they’re put; they often drift to contaminate our air, water, crops or beehives. We have a right to know when and where pesticides are applied. Minnesota needs a pesticide use reporting law.

Tell Minnesota decision-makers: Protect our Pollinators!

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