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Re: Neonicotinoid Ban

To Whom It May Concern:

Enclosed are copies of the article written by Joyce Nelson, regarding "no ban in Canada" for neonicotinoids. This article will be included with our newsletter that is distributed to our membership across Ontario.

We realize the connection between the environment and autoimmune illnesses. The numbers of those positively diagnosed with lupus continues to escalate each year.

We have known for decades that nicotine is one of the oldest botanical insecticides and also is one of the most toxic. The fact that it kills insects by interfering with the transmitter substance between nerves and muscles should immediately effect a ban on these substances.

Scientists should be allowed to broadcast their findings to their colleagues, the media, and to those researching health issues and environmental issues. All levels of government should welcome the knowledge that is scientifically based and then act positively to create change to protect the health and well-being of all Canadians and peoples around the world.

Thank you for your work to protect the bees and by spreading the wake-up call. We need the bees for pollination, the earthworms for aeration, casting fertilization and healthy crops. Hopefully, our elected officials will heed your warnings and work with the scientific community.

Very truly yours,

Kathy Crowhurst