

I am writing to call for the urgent and immediate passage of the Save America's Pollinators Act of 2013.

The headlines are more frightening with every passing day. Millions of honeybees killed in Florida. Millions of honeybees killed in Canada. And this is just from the ILLEGAL spraying. And neonicotinoid bee poisons have been found in plants sold by Home Depot and Lowes, so that well meaning people putting in plants to attract pollinators may in fact be helping to slaughter them.

Last winter was the worst ever for mass honeybee die offs at 45%. It took almost every living honeybee in the country just to pollinate California's almond crop last season. One more winter like this one and our agricultural food chain will start collapsing as soon as this very next year.

To members of Congress, do you really want to go into your next election trying to explain to your constituents why you did nothing in response to these stark and clear warnings?

Congress must act immediately in the national interest to put a moratorium in place, as the European Union has already done, on the use of the enduring neonicotinoids pesticides that are now strongly implicated. These poisons have never actually been field tested for safety, but were slipped into widespread use through a conditional use loophole, the condition being that testing would take place, but it never did.

Pass the Save America's Pollinator's Act of 2013 now.