

Show Bees Some LOVE

STOP SELLING BEE KILLING PESTICIDES

Dear ,

Bees and other pollinators, essential for the two-thirds of the food crops humans eat everyday, are in great peril, and populations are dwindling worldwide. A growing body of science has implicated the world's most widely-used pesticides, neonicotinoids (neonics), as a key factor in these bee declines.

Recent tests have found “bee-friendly” home garden plants sold at Home Depot stores have been pre-treated with these bee-killing neonic pesticides—with no warning to consumers.

Customers like me may unknowingly purchase these plants with the intent of providing habitats for bees and other pollinators, but end up causing them harm. Obviously, this situation does not benefit bees, customers like me, or my trust in you as a retailer.

Europe's ban on neonics has gone into place and the majority of the UK's large garden and home improvement retailers are refusing to sell them. This week people in cities across the U.S. are visiting, calling and writing Home Depot, and a national coalition of organizations is delivering a letter and petitions signed by more than half a million people asking your company to follow suit.

Home Depot, don't be part of the problem—show bees some love and stop selling off-the-shelf bee-killing pesticides and plants pre-treated with these pesticides. Your customers will thank you and so will the bees and other pollinators essential to our food supply and the environment. To learn more please visit www.BeeAction.org or contact beeaction@foe.org. #beelove

Sincerely,

Name _____

City _____ State _____

