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To: The Honorable Martin Looney, Gary Winfield, Juan Candelaria, Patricia Dillon, Roland Lemar, Alphonse Paolillo, Jr., Robyn Porter, and Toni Walker

Re: SB 963, AN ACT CONCERNING NEONICOTINOIDS FOR NONAGRICULTURAL PURPOSES
<https://www.cga.ct.gov/2023/TOB/S/PDF/2023SB-00963-R00-SB.PDF>

The New Haven Environmental Advisory Council (EAC), the city board that deals with environmental issues, supports S.B. 963, An Act Concerning Neonicotinoids for Non-Agricultural Use, and encourages you to support this bill and to co-sponsor it, preferably before the CGA Environment Committee hearing Wednesday.

Neonicotinoids (neonics) are neurotoxic pesticides linked to massive bee and insect losses, water contamination, ecosystem harms, and human health concerns.

SB 963 would prohibit the nonagricultural use of neonicotinoids. We rely on pollinators to keep us alive by enabling plants to grow. Pollinators are counting on us not to poison them with neonicotinoids.

Thank you for protecting our pollinators, our environment, and our health.

Sincerely,

The New Haven Environmental Advisory Council
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