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RE: Strong Support for Amendment #75, Pollinator Protection Research & Conservation farm bill amendment offered by Rep. Hastings (FL)

Dear Representative:

The Coevolution Institute (CoE) urges you to vote FOR **amendment #75**, a **Pollinator Protection research and conservation** provision which will be offered by Rep. Alcee Hastings of Florida during floor consideration of the 2007 farm bill.

This amendment (1) authorizes research funding to address Colony Collapse Disorder in honey bees and other factors confronting managed and native pollinators; and (2) places a greater emphasis in existing USDA conservation programs on habitat and other pollinator-beneficial best management practices to protect and enhance native and managed pollinators.

As recognized in the farm bill Committee Report on page 226, "*In addition to wildlife benefits, crop pollination represents a major agricultural input, especially for specialty crop producers.*"

Pollinators are essential partners in agriculture and in healthy ecosystems.

Strengthening farm bill conservation, research and other programs in the farm bill to better address pollinator habitat needs and best management practices represents a critical step in sustaining and enhancing native and managed pollinators and their habitat.

Please support the pollinator protection amendment.

CoE places a high priority on efforts to protect and enhance animal pollinators (*invertebrates, birds and mammals*) and their habitats in both working and wild lands. CoE manages and facilitates the North American Pollinator Protection Campaign (NAPPC), a tri-national, public-private collaboration dedicated to ensuring sustainable populations of pollinating invertebrates, birds and mammals throughout the United States, Canada and Mexico.

Sincerely,

Laurie Davies Adams
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