

Support for Pollinator Conservation, Submitted to the Senate Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry Committee

The undersigned urge the Senate Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry Committee to add targeted authorizing language and supporting report language that enhances existing Farm Bill conservation, forest management, research and other programs to better address managed and native pollinator needs. Pollinators, agriculture and healthy ecosystems deserve no less.

Candidate programs in the Conservation Title include the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP), the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP), the Conservation Security Program (CSP), the Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP), the Farm and Ranchlands Protection Program, the Grasslands Reserve Program (GRP), the Wetlands Reserve Program (WRP) and the Watershed Rehabilitation Program. Similar opportunities exist in other Farm Bill programs, such as research and extension and forestry.

Please include this as part of the record of the May 1 Committee hearing on conservation policy recommendations for the Farm Bill.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Center for Native Ecosystems, Denver, Colorado
Coevolution Institute
Defenders of Wildlife
National Wildlife Federation
Partners for Sustainable Pollination
Renewable Natural Resources Foundation
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