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RE: Support for Pollinator Protection Habitat Act of 2007

CC: Original Cosponsors

Dear Representative Blumenauer:

The undersigned support your introduction in the House of the Pollinator Protection Habitat Act of 2007.

Your legislation utilizes existing Farm Bill conservation programs to strengthen both native and managed pollinator habitat by requiring existing conservation programs to acknowledge pollinator habitat as a conservation resource and rewarding producers whose conservation practices are beneficial for pollinators.

Your bill complements the Pollinator Protection Act of 2007 introduced by Representative Alcee Hastings, with you as a cosponsor, which focuses on pollinator research. Your bill is consistent with S. 1494, introduced by Senator Max Baucus, which focuses on habitat conservation.

Pollinators are essential partners in much of 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 pollinators and their habitat.

Thank you for your continuing leadership on behalf of pollinators and pollinator conservation.

Respectfully Submitted,

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American Farmland Trust
Blue Diamond Growers
Coevolution Institute
Defenders of Wildlife
Entomological Foundation, Inc.
National Farmers Union
Partners for Sustainable Pollination
Sustainable Agriculture Coalition
The Minnesota Project
U.S. Apple Association
Wild Farm Alliance
Wildlife Habitat Council
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