July 24, 2018

The Honorable Robert DeLeo, Speaker of the House
State House, Room 356
24 Beacon Street
Boston, MA 02133

RE: H. 4041, An Act to Protect Massachusetts Pollinators

Dear Speaker DeLeo:

The Association to Preserve Cape Cod (APCC), the Cape’s leading region-wide nonprofit environmental advocacy and education organization, respectfully urges you to bring H. 4041, An Act to Protect Massachusetts Pollinators, to the floor for a vote.

Bees and other pollinators are vital for our environment and our food system. Scientists have implicated neonicotinoid insecticides (neonics) as a leading cause of global pollinator decline.

However, neonics are also contaminating streams and rivers at an alarming rate, according to recent findings by the U.S. Geological Survey. The overuse of these pesticides is threatening to collapse aquatic ecosystems.

H. 4041 would restrict the use of neonics to licensed pesticide applicators only, which would help in controlling its overuse and misuse.

It is vital that Massachusetts protects its water, its food and its beneficial insects. We urge you to bring H. 4041, An Act to Protect Massachusetts Pollinators, to the floor for a vote. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

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