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COMMENTS BY ORGANIZATION & BUSINESS LEADERS

State	Comment	Organization/Business
Arizona	Honey bees and other native pollinators are facing desperate times and need our help. Habitat is disappearing at an alarming rate and this is an relatively easy, reasonable way to off-set that loss. Thank you for your consideration and support!	Grand Canyon Honey Company
California	We support efforts to increase the availability of pollinator forage, especially for honey bees.	California Farm Bureau Federation
California	We have supported honey bee research into CCD since 2008 and have donated \$1 million in support of research at Penn State and U.C. Davis since then.	Haagen-Dazs Ice Cream, Nestle Dreyer's Ice Cream
California	It's imperative we improve honey bee nutrition if we are going to improve honey bee health!	Project Apis m.
California	The success of establishing, maintaining and sustaining native eco-systems is directly related to pollinators.	S&S Seeds, Inc.
California	SAFE R&D is company dedicated to honey bee health and nutrition.	SAFE Research & Development LLC
California	Highway margins provide a wonderful opportunity to help our local pollinators, including within urban areas. We need to allow more habitats our local pollinators need for nesting and foraging for food among locally-adapted flowering plants.	San Francisco Bee-Cause
California	Great proposal.	Santa Cruz Reskilling Expo
Colorado	Pollinators our the key to our own food supply. Helping these pollinators anyway we can is a plus. We need to be providing a variety of sources of food for all our pollinators. Not to mention the added benefit of more color along the roadsides. Seems like a win/win proposition.	BBB Seed
Colorado	An easy way to make a HUGE difference!	Colorado State Beekeepers Association
Colorado	Pollinators are being ignored at our peril!!!	Second Start Community Garden

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District of Columbia	Please add me and my colleague Mark Cason to your listserve so that ASLA can stay on top of this issue. rblackwell@asla.org mcason@asla.org	American Society of Landscape Architects
Florida	We've learned to share our roads as bicyclists and now we need to share them with our bees! Thank you	Bee's Kneeolony
Florida	We are losing our pollinators. This effort would provide support.	Four Rivers Audubon
Florida	Our organization has the two fold mission of supporting beekeepers in raising healthy hives and in educating the public on the importance of bees. Plantings that support bees would support both our goals by providing food for bees and bringing attention to the public on the importance of creating bee landscapes.	Gainesville Area Bee Club
Florida	We serve America's native wildlife, even down to the smallest pollinator, by providing habitat. The less food (nectar and pollen) they have, the less of the species will survive. We let our wildflower go to seed before cutting along the roadside. Tourists and residents alike appreciate the sublime beauty of the wildflowers more than stark mowed roadsides.	Lower Suwannee National Wildlife Refuge
Florida	Honey bees are experiencing less and less of their natural pollen producing plants so any supplicants we can provide, we should. This attempt in planting right-of-ways in our State and others would be a literal life saver! Let's do it!	NE Florida Honey Bee Assoc.
Florida	We support all efforts to save our pollinators.	North Central Florida Beekeepers Association
Florida	Bees of all kinds are our most active pollinators. Without them, food crops, fruit crops and ornamentals would be severely diminished.	South Florida Audubon Society

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Georgia	The American Beekeeping Federation strongly supports this legislation as beekeepers across the country are in need of good forage areas for our honey bees. These areas along highways provide millions of acres that could be very useful for forage for honey bees if they are planted with season long flowering plants and those plantings are managed properly allowing for bloom. The proper type of management of these areas will save highway maintenance budgets money and provide a positive for our honey bees and many other insects as well.	American Beekeeping Federation
Georgia	My company supports causes and initiatives that promote energy and water efficiency, sustainability, environmental stewardship, and natural preservation.	Energy Efficiency Experts, Inc
Georgia	We have three apiaries along Highway 184 near Currahee Mountain and the ridge here in Stephen County in Northeast Georgia and it saddened my heart one day to follow a county truck spraying chemicals to kill weeds all along the highway and spraying the small trees and forage around telephone poles and all under the telephone lines. Everywhere is browned out areas all along the highway now. They were about to spray around the pole near our house, but I was able to say to them, "Please, don't spray, I have honey bees, I will cut down the small trees and shrubs around it." When is this country going to wake up and see what they are doing to our land, our pollinators and our farmers? I am trusting that the Hwy BEE Act will start the trend of awareness and preservation.	Mountain Sweet Honey Co.
Illinois	Available and SAFE pollinator forage has disappeared from rural areas because of planting practices of industrial agriculture. This bill will go a long way toward building up pollinator health and population.	Chicago Honey Co-op
Illinois	I support environmental education, and seek to promote greater responsibility for our environment and protecting its systems. This would be a great Act to be passed!	Julie Ann Howlett Consulting
Illinois	No bees No farms No food	Lake County Council for Seniors

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Illinois	Human beings cannot exist without pollinators. Pollinators provide us with food, shelter, clothing, medicine, the beauty of flowers and everything that sustains us. This Act is an incredible opportunity for the state to secure the health and prosperity of our communities.	The Resiliency Institute
Indiana	As a public use airport, we maintain a pollinator habitat area. Additionally because of this, we are home to a locally owned apiary. This practice saves money, provides an interesting and beautiful feature to our property, and increases employment opportunities in our area. The same thing could be implemented in many more environments with similar advantages.	Lee Bottom Flying Field
Iowa	We are seeing significant declines in pollinators. Habitat formation is critical in supporting the life-cycles of butterflies, bees, and song birds.	Broad View Seed
Iowa	While we are grass-roots, word is spreading and members are joining. Help stop mowing. Help!	Garage Bee Keepers
Iowa	The decline of bees and other pollinators is multifaceted. This bill addresses one of those facets with a positive plan of action. Leeward Solutions, an ecological consulting business, is involved in habitat planning and restoration, including the preservation and restoration of native plants species needed by bees, butterflies, flies, wasps, and other important pollinators.	Leeward Solutions, LLC
Kansas	Given that we are losing 1-2 million acres of pollinator habitat a year due to intensification of farming, development and excessive use of herbicides, it's essential to do everything we can to sustain the biological diversity along our roadways.	Monarch Watch
Kentucky	We need to help the pollinators in any way we can	Little Sandy Bee Keepers
Kentucky	A very practical way of restoring the bee population!	Northern KY Sierra Club
Kentucky	Pollinators are declining at an alarming rate with potentially disastrous consequences so Roundstone Native Seed has worked with the experts & done extensive research to develop Native Pollinator Mixes that take all variables into consideration. Our Native Pollinator Mixes help protect & conserve our native pollinators with confidence that the best science was used in developing these mixes.	Roundstone Native Seed, LLC

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Maryland	Mono-crop agriculture has eradicated vast acreage of natural pollinator forage, and highway right of ways could help to replace some of that lost forage simply by limiting or eliminating mowing, and planting the ROW's with pollinator friendly natural herbage could enhance the nutrition of all native pollinators as well as the vitally important managed honey bee.	Bowie Upper Marlboro Beekeepers Association (BUMBA)
Maryland	The need for forage for all pollinators, including honeybees, is critical to the national food supply. Anything we can do on a national level will augment what is being done at the local levels.	Central Maryland Beekeepers Association
Maryland	Flowering plants on the roadside and adjacent unimproved areas can provide critical sources of nectar and pollen for America's pollinators and represent an opportunity to enhance, at minimal effort and financial outlay, the survivability of the nation's pollinators.	Estate and Orchard Beekeeping
Maryland	The Wildlife Habitat Council (WHC) promotes and certifies habitat conservation and management on working lands through partnerships and education. We have partnered with the Pollinator Partnership and NAPPC partners from its beginnings, recognizing the importance of pollinators to all ecosystems. We assisted in developing Pollinator Friendly Practices and encourage their use on all lands—including roadsides and ROWs—as a way to support pollinator populations that continue to decline in North America and abroad. We support this bill that has the opportunity to increase pollinator habitat, while having the added benefit of reducing mowing costs.	Wildlife Habitat Council
Massachusetts	We formed our business making mead (honey wine) with honey from local apiaries. Our mission is to support regenerative bee-keeping everywhere!	Artisan Beverage Cooperative
Massachusetts	Planting wildflowers along highways would make them beautiful both to us and our bees. A diversity of flowers and shelters will support a diversity of native bees, butterflies, and other pollinators. Friends of Bees is a working group of Watertown Citizens for Peace, Justice, and the Environment dedicated to raising awareness of bees.	Friends of Bees

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Massachusetts	The last few decades have seen a critical loss of pollinator habitat on Cape Cod due to development and chemical use. Highway corridors planted and maintained for pollinators would be distinctive and attractive to human visitors as well and thus benefit our local tourist-based economy, as well as the pollinators.	GreenCAPE
Massachusetts	This is a wonderful idea that will beautify our highways and save money, while helping propagators.	Lionel Spiro Bee Society
Massachusetts	We support the act as written & applaud the effort to save pollinators.	Northbridge High School AP Environmental Science
Massachusetts	As I discussed in my TED talk and in my book (The Bee: A Natural History, 2014, Princeton University Press), creating more habitat for bees in one of the simplest things that anybody can do to improve honey bee health.	The Best Bees Company
Michigan	This is a very sensible and logical use of acreage. Our center keeps two hives and we live right next to a highway ROW that just so happens to have milkweed growing in a portion of it. To make a planned use of these ROWs to reduce maintenance and help wildlife is a great idea.	Ann Arbor Center of Light
Michigan	Native plants for native ecosystems is the thrust of the Wild Ones' mission statement. It is similar to saying, "A good diet promotes good health." We've been allowing the poisoning of our portion of the world's pantry for too long; not for noble reasons, either.	Kalamazoo Area Wild Ones
Minnesota	Roadsides are strips of potentially wild untreated non agricultural land that could be managed as havens for wildlife including pollinators. In addition to planting pollinator friendly seed mixes the limited mowing of roadsides to allow those plants to grow and bloom is essential to these roadsides producing the forage and consequently seed load for feeding other wildlife and reseeding the roadsides. Thanks for your consideration	Four Seasons Apiaries
Minnesota	Our mission is to nurture and protect natural flora and fauna.	Friends of Indian Heights

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Minnesota	At Humming for Bees we encourage cities and home owners to plant pesticide-free flowers, flowering shrubs and trees (flowers are bee food). Then to not spray the bee food with harmful chemicals. HR 4790 the Highway BEE Act is an excellent step toward the serious problem of not enough healthy food for bees and other pollinators. Not only will HR 4790 reduce mowing & maintenance costs, it will give pollinators a safe place to forage for their food and more food options! This is a common sense bill that would make a huge difference in the life of pollinators and all of us humans who depend on them!	Humming for Bees
Minnesota	We are fortunate that state of MN and IA Highway Departments are already using native vegetation along some ROWs. Besides being more cost effective they are an important as wildlife corridors. I believe this legislation would be a good way of showing support for these important efforts.	Prairie Moon Nursery
Minnesota	Native plant utilization	Prairie Restorations, Inc.
Minnesota	Good luck.	Wildlife Forever
Montana	We desperately need the passage of this pollinator protection act. As a nation we must promote environmental stewardship and sustainability at all costs. Randy V. President of the American Honey Producers Assoc.	American Honey Producers Association
New Jersey	I am President of the Northwest New Jersey Branch of the New Jersey Beekeepers Association. Habitat loss is a major factor in the decline of honeybees and other pollinators.	Northwest New Jersey branch New Jersey Beekeepers Assn
New York	The board of 'Trustees of the Freeholders and Commonalty of the Town of East Hampton' unanimously support the Highway BEE Act.	East Hampton Town Trustees
New York	Just as we do in our own yards, we support creating pollinator habitat along our public highways, especially to protect native pollinators.	Habitat Gardening in Central New York Wild Ones chapter
New York	Bees are essential to supporting life on this planet!	Seedway LLC
North Carolina	It just makes sense. Thank you!	Honeygirl Meadery

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North Carolina	More pollinators means more good food for all! Everyone wins.	North Carolina Community Garden Partners
North Carolina	Syngenta recognizes the need to increase pollinator forage and habitat and this Act would help to further these efforts.	Syngenta Crop Protection, LLC
Ohio	Concern about pollinator declines.	Appalachian Ohio Sierra Club
Ohio	Providing enough good food all of the time is the best medicine we can provide for pollinators, and the best insurance we can get that they continue.	Bee Culture Magazine Staff
Ohio	For all of the reasons that have been stated. We have seen a drastic drop in pollinators such as the honey bee and monarch butterflies which cost farmers millions of dollars in lost revenue. Dan Bertsch	Medina County Park District
Ohio	Pollinator die-off is a critical issue that must be addressed. This is an urgent situation that needs action now.	Monroe County Ohio Beekeepers Association
Oregon	The Executive and Board of Directors of Lane County Beekeepers Association supports the Highways Bee Act. The club meets monthly in Eugene, Oregon and is very concerned about the availability of forage for honey bees as well as native pollinators.	Lane County Beekeepers Association
Oregon	More research needs to be done on lasting effects of these chemicals.	Oregon Rural Action
Pennsylvania	Pollinators are critical for our food system and for our natural ecosystems. We teach students about the impact of their decline and how providing habitat whenever possible can help. Thus, we are highly supportive of this proposed legislation which has a number of co-benefits as well.	Department of Biological Sciences, Moravian College
Pennsylvania	The Highways BEE Act represents a tremendous opportunity to utilize highway rights-of-way to create new ecosystems supportive of pollinators and other wildlife, while offering benefit to adjoining agricultural areas, beautification of the nations highways and long-term cost savings to the entities charged with their maintenance.	Ernst Conservation Seeds

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Pennsylvania	We are promoting pollinator friendly landscaping in the Lehigh Valley. Would love to see this statewide initiative happen.	Lehigh Valley Conservation Landscaping Collaborative
Pennsylvania	As a non-profit farmers market in Pennsylvania, our organization promotes farmers who use organic and sustainable practices. We support those who are working to protect pollinator resources while producing a livelihood at the same time. This bill just makes sense. We support any measures to increase plant diversity that increases habitat to our most endangered creatures (pollinators) at this time.	New Garden Growers Market
Pennsylvania	In lieu of indiscriminate spraying of herbicides along the highways a planting of pollinator friendly seeds could control erosion, help the spread of invasive weeds and support endangered species of native bees and pollinators.	Tug Hollow Honey LLC
Pennsylvania	This makes so much sense - will save PA money and eliminate the ugly mowed grass that visitors to our state see when they drive here, good for tourism. Cindy	Wing Pointe Corp
South Carolina	We are trying to provide plenty of habitats/niches that support the European Honeybee and that prevent the spread of the africanized honeybees.	Charleston Area Beekeepers Association
Tennessee	I support this as a beekeeper.	Cookeville Tennessee Beekeepers Organization
Tennessee	Pollinators act as an important part of our economy- we need the bees! Without their pollination, there would be a reduction in produce in the United States, driving food prices up. With a national effort, we can revive the population of the honey bees and increase the overall production of produce in the US! Save the bees!	Kim Phann
Tennessee	Mid South Beekeepers support and promote honey bees and beekeepers in middle TN. Habitat loss and loss of diverse uncontaminated habitat are significant problems for honey bees and beekeepers. This act seems to be a no-brainer - put millions of acres of unused, and unproductive land to a use which benefits everyone who eats food which is pollinated by honey bees.	Mid South Beekeepers Association

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Tennessee	Put these public corridors to good use for our transportation AND environment. Thank you.	Tennessee Parks and Greenways Foundation
Texas	Our company supports the establishment of wildlife and pollinator habitat, especially in ways which will reduce highway maintenance costs to taxpayers as well. Successful highway wildflower programs in Texas have been in place for decades, and we would love to see this expanded to all areas of the country, in every public right-of-way.	Upstart Technology
Vermont	Our organization loves bees and appreciates their essential contribution to our world. Bees are the best!	Tadpole Transformations
Virginia	This is not only environmentally sound by helping pollinators, but economically sound by reducing roadway upkeep costs by reducing mowing.	Beekeepers Guild of Southeast Virginia
Virginia	My small business relies on pollinators and a healthy ecosystem, because it relies on edible (pesticide-free) flowers and herbs - and we are in full support of all legislation that will help the bees to survive, and continue their important work. This business will thrive and grow, if there are plants to support it. We can no longer pretend that our lives are not interdependent with the insects and the natural world - and dependent on the health of our environment. Thank you.	Petal Palate, LLC
Virginia	Because it fits with PLANET, the Professional Landcare Network, as a national trade association representing more than 100,000 landscape and lawn care industry professionals, who create and maintain healthy, green living spaces for communities across America.	Professional Landcare Network
Washington	Because corporations have no regard for nature. Stop killing us. Help the bees who help the plants who help feed us. Does this really need to be explained?	CareAtHomeSeattle.com
Washington	We support local restoration of honeybee forage sources through the sale and promotion of "Bee Pasture" seed blends in our county. We urge other localities to find appropriate seed blends for their conditions and take action at the grass-roots level.	Mt. Baker Beekeepers Assn. - Whatcom county, WA

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Washington, DC	Many factors are negatively impacting pollinator health. In the case of bees, reduced forage and habitat are regularly mentioned as a primary actor in the challenges they face, second only to the Varroa mite. We support sensible measure that alleviate some of the pressures affecting pollinators and therefore support the Highways BEE Act.	American Horticulture Industry Association (AmericanHort)
Washington, DC	Pollination is needed not just for human survival but for many forms of life!	Friends of the National Zoo
West Virginia	Our Honey Bees need the food source	Cabell Wayne Beekeepers Association
West Virginia	Native pollinators will best benefit by planting Native plants. Please expand this worthy initiative to include encouragement for use of native plants over invasive alien plants that will escape into the surrounding lands. The hikers and trail-builders of the Mary Ingles Trail Blazers supports this initiative.	Mary Ingles Trail Blazers Chapt. West VA Scenic Trails Assn.
Wisconsin	We wish to help support the habitat as much as possible when it comes to the honeybees. They are the leading pollinator of most of our food source, without them, our food supply will diminish over time. Our Association looks for ways to help the bees naturally and environmentally sound.	Marathon County Beekeepers

<p>Wisconsin</p>	<p>We have already sent a letter of support for this bill to Congressmen Denham and Hastings. But we would like others to know that since we have forced the plants, animals and insects that evolved in North America (our nation's biodiversity) to depend more and more on human-dominated landscapes for their continued existence rather than natural habitat, it is important for us to provide habitat away from our human-dominated landscapes so they can continue to survive as part of the web of life. For far too many this isn't possible – take our pollinators for example. The monarch butterfly in the northeast migration route and the native bee are bordering on the edge of extinction. Loss of habitat due to the human footprint and drought is one cause. Loss of habitat through use of genetically modified crops allowing growers to indiscriminately use herbicides for crop maintenance is another.</p> <p>If we are to preserve other forms of life and the role they play in human sustenance, we must change the way we landscape. Allowing right of ways to provide that habitat will be faster and easier than trying to convince people to give up their turf lawns. It should also garner some financial economies which would be helpful to our DOTs especially at this point in time of the great recession.</p>	<p>Wild Ones: Native Plants, Natural Landscapes</p>
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COMMENTS BY INDIVIDUALS

State	Comment	Last Name	First Name	Interest	Affiliation
Alabama	No pollinators, no plants, no animals, no people.	Browne	Stephany	Nature Lover	
Alabama	We need to help the honey bees all we can before they become extinct and robots take over!	Campbell	Betty	Beekeeper	
Alabama	We UUs affirm the "interdependent web of life." In addition to caring about animals, my signing is motivated by selfish human concern--our foods depend upon pollinators; poisoning/mowing the roadsides is "spoiling our own nest." My concern is aesthetic too. Thanks for this important work!	Collins	Judy	Concerned Human-- Unitarian Universalist	
Alabama	Lets pass a law that actually has MANY benefits for EVERYONE!!	Jane	Allen	Beekeeper	
Alabama	This seems like a no-brainer. We can help pollinators; reduce air & noise pollution, & fossil fuel use; and beautify our highways through these proposed actions.	McCallister	Susan	Interested citizen & Unitarian Universalist	
Alabama	I would love to see this happen!	Melcher	Michelle	Citizen	
Alabama	Bees and butterflies are disappearing in unsustainable numbers because of pesticide use and loss of food supplies. They need a break, and this bill would so just that.	Young	Bellissa	Beekeeper	
Alabama	Save the bees!	Young	Jerrod		
Alaska	As someone who has tried to encourage pollinator-plantings along our roads, I believe this act is critical to ensure that these plantings occur.	Rudis	Deborah	Scientist/Researcher	
Arizona	I love my food, and food scarcity issues terrify me. Why not save the bees now?	Alkins	Megan	Scientist/Researcher	ASU
Arizona	It is no secret that our food sources rely heavily on pollinators, but that is a fraction of the big picture. The connectedness of plant populations, the livelihood of every trophic level in nearly every terrestrial ecosystem is dependent on pollination and we have an obligation to protect these vital interactions. There is no other way!	Barth	Amanda	Scientist/Researcher	

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<p>Arizona</p>	<p>I have a long-standing interest in conserving and protecting our nation's pollinating insects, birds and nectar-bats. I strongly support H.R. 4790 Hwys BEE Act. Better management (e.g. planting pollination-friendly wildflower seedings) along ROWs managed by State DOT's will go a long way toward improving pollinator habitats in all states, and for providing essential floral resources of pollen and nectar for bees, wasps, flies, beetles, butterflies, moths and hummingbirds along our nation's millions of miles of highways.</p> <p>Milkweeds (Asclepias) are important plants found in roadside habitats, but are often mowed or sprayed out of existence. This needs to stop if we want to preserve monarchs as their migrations to and from the U.S. A, Canada and Mexico.</p> <p>We should remember the incredible foresight of Ladybird Johnson and her Sept. 16, 1965 Highway Beautification Act. This was not just about removing ugly billboards. It was also about "Bluebonnets not billboards," and planting lupines (Bluebonnets, the Texas official state flower) along Texas roadways. Years later, Texas is still a pioneer in these efforts, about which many other states can learn and follow their lead.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>Stephen L. Buchmann, Ph.D. Scientist-At-Large, The Pollinator Partnership, San Francisco and adjunct professor, Departments of Entomology and Ecology and Evolutionary Biology The University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ</p>	<p>Buchmann</p>	<p>Stephen</p>	<p>Scientist/Researcher , Beekeeper, author, conservationist</p>	
<p>Arizona</p>	<p>We need the bees!</p>	<p>Connelly</p>	<p>Rita</p>	<p>gardener citizen</p>	
<p>Arizona</p>	<p>No pollinators, no humans. Simple.</p>	<p>Cox</p>	<p>Hilary</p>	<p>Garden Design</p>	
<p>Arizona</p>	<p>Please support pollinators!</p>	<p>devaney</p>	<p>jacob</p>	<p>concerned citizen</p>	
<p>Arizona</p>	<p>This is an important, revenue-neutral way to strengthen our native pollinators and protect our food supply. I urge the Congress to support and pass this bill.</p>	<p>Godwin</p>	<p>Steve</p>	<p>Beekeeper</p>	

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Arizona	This effort to improve habitat is VERY important for Honey bees and even MORE important for Monarch butterflies !	Loper	Gerald	Scientist/Researcher , Beekeeper	Arizona
Arizona	We need more natural flowers for bees to pollinate, this is so important for every thing and everyone, so a wonderful idea.	meixner	judy	love flowers	
Arizona	Please, I don't want to imagine a world without monarchs. This bill saves money and monarchs. How could you vote against it?	Nellans	Jed		
Arizona	We MUST do everything we can to help our friends, the bees.	schrieber	joyce	human on the planet	
Arizona	If we don't help our pollinators, who will? The chemical companies will continue to kill them.	STEELE	BONNIE	concerned citizen	
Arizona	I am happy to support this bill as a collaboration in support of pollinators and all life.	Tirion	Kate	Sustainable systems teacher	Deep Dirt Farm Institute, LLC
Arizona	I want to preserve pollinators... we need them!	White	Kristin	Concerned citizen	
Arizona	Great common-sense proposal to help save pollinators, and probably cuts down on pesticide use as well.	Zampieri	Janet	Beekeeper	
Arkansas	We need this for the pollinators. They are essential to a healthy and vital America. Please help protect pollinators, our natural heritage and ecosystems.	Frey	Susan	Nursery Woman	
Arkansas	I support this bill because we need to keep our bees alive & working. Because of the beauty of butterflies, what they bring to our lives	King	MaryAnn	Native plant nursery	
Arkansas	Modern farming and urban sprawl have help to create food deserts for bees and other pollinators. This could greatly help to alleviate the poor diets these beneficials are receiving today.	Levi	Ed	Beekeeper, Apiary educator & consultant	BIP, Apiary Consultants Intern'l.
Arkansas	I have a small homestead and have kept bees for several years. The last few years I have seen a marked decrease in the bees and other pollinators in my area. We lost 80% of our hives this past winter. Please pass this bill! Thanks, Nigel Dawson.	Nigel	Dawson	Beekeeper	
Arkansas	Please pass this bill. Our bees need help Thanks.	Taylor	Houston	Beekeeper	
Arkansas	This makes so much sense.	Trimble	Kenneth	Beekeeper	
Arkansas	Please support this important effort to build pollinator corridors across the country. Thank you!	Underhill	Richard	Beekeeper	President, Arkansas Beekeepers Association

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California	Bees and other pollinators need native plants to survive. Please remove non-natives, plant natives, and cut spraying and mowing to turn back the clock and allow natural systems to thrive again.	Arnold	JoEllen	Beekeeper, Gardener of native plants	
California	As more land is lost to development and large-scale agriculture, neither of which provides forage for honeybees or native bees, or butterflies or other friendly insects, it is extremely important to replace that bee forage. The idea of planting bee/pollinator/insect friendly plants and managing them for flowers and nectar or food for these insects in brilliant and only requires a little more management than is currently practiced! A Win-Win for the environment. Hooray for everyone who votes for this bill	Arrowsmith	Shelley	Beekeeper, Farmer, organic	Farmer
California	Loss of pollination agents is a threat to our environment	Avery	Dan		
California	The bee death that threatens bees, agriculture, and our food supply is multi-factoral. Everything we can do to create and maintain good pollinator habitat enhances our food security.	Balin	Marianne	Beekeeper	
California	Anything we can do as a people to assist the recovery and continued health of honey bee and wild bee populations is of vital interest to all citizens.	Begley	Richard	Beekeeper	
California	Why have ugly roadsides when we could have beautiful ones in bloom?	Bouton	William	Scientist/Researcher	
California	Without healthy pollinators, food production for everyone suffers!	Boyce, M.D.	N Edward	physician	University of California San Francisco
California	and cut out the toxic pesticide use!	brown	susan	grandmother	
California	Please move this forward quickly!	Burke	Nancy	Beekeeper	
California	It is of critical importance that we plant wildflowers and milkweed to support the pollinators in our state. With CA state tax money being used to maintain highways and state parks we should make sure that not only our bees, butterflies and bats that pollinate and survive off the plants but the smaller animals have a safe habitat to live in. This creates a healthy ecosystem. Poisons such as Round Up should not be used either so that the earth, air and water remain as clean as possible and do not cause additional habitat loss or water supply damage. Thank you.	Campbell	Lin M	Friend of pollinators	

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California	As a conservation biologist and an entomologist that studies insects, this legislation will be immensely helpful to maintaining important pollination services. Investment in low cost restoration efforts is a great way to help protect the environment on which we rely.	Cappadonna	Justin	Scientist/Researcher	
California	Please support the Pollinator Protection Act	Carlson	Cappy	Beekeeper	
California	Finally!	Castillo	Sierra	Beekeeper	
California	please help the bees	Dick	Tessa	author and concerned citizen	
California	I	Finelli	Adrienne	Artist	
California	We need to do everything humanly possible to protect and nurture or pollinators, especially honey bees which are the only insect included on the keystone animals list.	Fox	Randall	Beekeeper	Gilroy Bee Association
California	We must also ban commercial and domestic use of glyphosate, which is BOTH an antibiotic AND a broad spectrum herb/pesticide being sprayed on over 600 million acres of US farmland, and lawns across the nation. It is deadly, along with neonics that must also be banned.	Furey	K	Human	Educator
California	Honey bees, monarch butterflies and other native pollinators are suffering drastic population losses, due in part to loss of habitat	Garvey	Kathy	communications specialist	UC Davis
California	It makes great sense to plant our highways and other public areas with honeybee friendly plants --- AND, at the same time, pick plants that are also drought tolerant...or that match the ecosystem they go into for the least amount of required maintenance. I fully support this proposal. It uses existing infrastructure and resources. Wonderful!!	Goodman	Sherri	Beekeeper	
California	I definitely support the bill. Richard Hyde	Hyde	Richard	Beekeeper	
California	we need to provide pollinators with a 'supply' of food that is not contaminated	ikehara	marti	Beekeeper	
California	Protect our food supply!	Johnson	Tina		
California	A fantastic idea I support with all I am	Johnston	Arthur	Citizen	
California	For every third bite we eat, thank the bees. This is so important.	kindred	Annette	Scientist/Researcher	

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California	The survival of bees is at risk. We need bees, for without them man has but a few years left on this earth. Give bees a chance by giving them real food to forage...not pesticide riddled food! They have enough obstacles without man interfering.	Knapp	Margie	Beekeeper	
California	Save the Monarchs and so much more....	kraft	clinton	Beekeeper	
California	Strongly support improving habitat for these creatures	Kuhlow	Britta	Beekeeper, Pollinator gardener	
California	Please support HR 4790 as a way to help struggling pollinator populations.	MacKenzie	Michelle	Avid gardener	
California	This bill, if passed, will help preserve the pollinators which are vitally important to our agriculture system	Maslenikov	Lorna	Beekeeper	
California	<p>This legislation is essential, but also needs to be carefully implemented. There are cultures with farmers and laws with State and local governmental units that conspire to keep areas clear. For example farmers in our area take pride in having the area between the field and the crops clean of vegetation. So they spray with roundup, disk and scrape. The local and State ordinances require weed abatement and fire abatement. So allowing vacant lots and areas between field and crops to grow for pollinator habitat is actually against fire ordinances. There is an increased cost of seeds, planting, mowing and watering pollinator habitat.</p> <p>Some County ordinance in our state will not allow beehives within 50 foot of highways. Urban ordinances stifle beekeeping in many instances. Is it ok to put hives within 50 foot of country lanes, and dirt roads? My recommendation is that pollinator business be identified as a special public utility. In this instance this is not for a monopoly but for the right to access public utility easements. Public easement land on governmental land could be used by beekeepers. There does need to be a public and beekeeper partnership that encourages beekeeping.</p>	Meek	John	Beekeeper	SABA, Sacramento, California
California	Reduces costs to taxpayers AND provides food/habitat for pollinators and other wildlife. Sounds like a win:win! (Not to mention that I suspect it will be more aesthetically pleasing.)	Morse	Bonnie	Beekeeper, Concerned citizen	
California	I strongly support this legislation Thank you	Nave	Linda	Beekeeper	Beekeeper

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California	Please respect our pollinators. More foliage is also beautiful. Thanks.	Pastore	Elizabeth	Beekeeper	
California	The pollinators are essential to our economy. Because the bees are being killed by current agricultural practices. It is imperative that we provide a safe (neonicotinoid and GMO-free) source of pollen until we can get the solution to the trouble worked out in the agricultural community. The use of existing ROWs is a practical and sensible way to deal with this issue. With recent research indicating that the bees are in catastrophic decline. The situation is an emergency at this time.	Perillo	Nancy	Scientist/Researcher	
California	As a hobbyist beekeeper, I know our pollinators need more good forage. Highway ROWs are a good source of forage if left to grow rather than being mowed.	Peterson	David	Beekeeper	Marin Beekeepers Association
California	get rid of neonicotinoids and help our bees in any way that is advantageous to them	pigneguy	michael	Beekeeper	
California	This bill would be strengthened in its purpose if it would also mandate removing plants that are highly toxic to bees, such as Nerium Oleander, which is planted along hundreds of miles of freeways in California and other states.	Reddell	Michael	Beekeeper	
California	I'm very interested in our world, and how we live it. we need to start learning how to do that for future.	Roe	John	Self	
California	We need native plants to sustain the native pollinators, as well as plants for the honeybees.	Schimmel	Nancy	eater of food	
California	This bill is wonderful but it should include the banning of pesticides for the bees since that's a major cause to their population plummeting.	Segal	Marika	person	
California	Roads cover the mass majority of our towns cities and monoculture growing areas. This would double if not triple the area available to these indicator species. It could only be a benefit, to all insects but all living creatures that need ground cover for their survival.	Sevigny	Jon	Beekeeper	
California	Important program!	Skene	Curtis	Beekeeper	
California	we cannot lose bees ! why must we destroy everything ?	states	lu		
California	The bees are a crucial part of our ecosystem! They need are help!	Stevenson	Lynn		

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California	We already spend time and money managing this property, why not consciously create something that is beneficial to our environment and the biodiversity of the planet.	Stewart	Melinda	Beekeeper	Beekeeper
California	Bees and other pollinators need our help. Please act now when we have the opportunity to help these struggling species!	Stone	Lisa	Beekeeper	
California	Bees are important in so many ways.	Temmerman	Robert	friend of bees	friend
California	I support this bill. We need more forage crops for our bees, birds, fowl, etc. plus this will save our state money in form of reduced mowing costs. During the blooming periods of the selected plants/seeds, all motorists will enjoy the more beautiful scenery of these roadsides & on and off ramps.	Tolmachoff	Mike	Beekeeper	
California	Makes sense to utilize space we have which covers a large swath of our country to support bees and other pollinators as long as they are flying creatures which won't be killed by fast moving vehicles.	Trumbull	Susan	believer!	
California	it will benefit every living creature ,especially humans and beautify the landscape!	Tschirky	Mariette	Beekeeper	
California	brilliant! restore our native habitat!	Vaughan	Shirley	Beekeeper, landscaper	
California	Anything we can do to help bees is essential.	Warrenburg	Kris	bee lover	
California	This makes so much sense . . . please pass this quickly!	Weatherly	Judith	Beekeeper	
California	Bees are so important to our food supply and their natural foraging acreage is shrinking every year. Freeway right-of-ways are land that could easily be put to use as habitat for pollinators to forage, the land is set aside anyway and can't be built on, let's increase the value of it a thousand-fold by planting vegetation that will provide a place for our precious pollinators to forage; it will improve their chances of survival AND OURS!	Wirth	Deborah	Beekeeper	
California	Monarch Butterflies and Bees are in critical distress. We need to do everything we can to help them survive. Thank you, Dr. Zakrasek	Zakrasek	Mary		
California	This is 50 years late and a great idea. Thank you!	Zeff	David	Taxpayer, Voter	

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Colorado	A good healthy enviornment is paramount for generations to come !	Ayles	Dianna	Beekeeper	
Colorado	The Highway Bees act will also help Monarchs and other butterflies, which are suffering from lack of forage.	Bannion	Lynnet	Beekeeper	
Colorado	Pollination is a national security issue, and of primary economic importance. We will be importing 50% of our food in 25 years if we don't take care of our pollinators (and our soil). Pollination by bees alone is well established as contributing \$14 billion dollars to the annual agricultural economy.	Beveridge	Deborah S	Beekeeper	
Colorado	Give Bees A Chance	Bradbury	Phillip	Beekeeper	
Colorado	We are losing wokdlife habitat everywhere, and we are increasingly dependent on pesticides to solve problems, - our pollinators can not survive...	Connolly Howes	Suzanne	Beekeeper	
Colorado	I support this because of the constant loss of habitat for pollinators, In addition, given the crises we face currently with pollinator die off, it would be nice to have some plants that bloom along the highways, it would result in both education for the public and habitat for the bees that is not laced with poisons.	Ford	Harry	Beekeeper	retired
Colorado	Here's a great opportunity for an easy human solution to a huge human generated problem. Please support this bill!	Gjertson	Sarah	Beekeeper	
Colorado	Please help save the pollinators, we need them!	Good	Liz	Beekeeper	
Colorado	This bill is a wonderful idea. Please support the pollinators for they support us.	Large-Swope	Rebecca	Beekeeper	
Colorado	this is a great idea	rodgers	ross	Beekeeper	farmer
Colorado	Please, non GMO seeds only! This is critical. Just like us, our food quality effects our lives. Bees need to plants that will nurture them and help them to come back to abundance and thriving. Thank you!	Spain	Janet	Beekeeper	
Colorado	I am also an orchardist.	West	Louise	Beekeeper	
Colorado	Concerned citizen.	Whelchel	LaVonne	Citizen	
Connecticut	Bee's are crucial to the Earth.	Bouraue	Glenn	Beekeeper brother	
Connecticut	I am actively tracking the loss of pollinators and notice Middletown scores very poorly. This bill makes so much sense on financial, carbon footprint, human safety. Pls consider; vote in support HR-5790	brodeur	michelle	Organic Gardener	
Connecticut	It's the right thing to do.	Carol	Karen	Beekeeper	

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Connecticut	SAVE OUR BEES!	CHIN	ALYSE	CONCERNED CITIZEN	
Connecticut	Planting wild flowers on the highways would be beautiful, save the state money by not mowing and provide a habitat for birds, bees and butterflies. It would be a win, win situation. And it might help honey bees survive.	Clow	Joan	Master Gardner	
Connecticut	We need the pollinators to support life and growth around us. We all need to live together.	Cornelius	Alan	Human	
Connecticut	This is a very positive bill that would facilitate turning the current right of ways that are ecological wastelands into beneficial ecosystems. Not only would this help pollinators and wildlife but also be a benefit for humans and the pollinating of plants and plant products consumed by humans.	Doshan	Martina	suburban gardener	
Connecticut	Without these pollinators our food sources could be greatly diminished and growing wildflowers on highways saves on fuel from mowing and is much more pleasant to look at when driving.	Gallagher	Sharon		Federated Garden Clubs of CT, Inc.
Connecticut	Great idea not only for the bees and butterflies, but it will reduce the need for cutting the grass, burning fuel, adding greenhouse gases, reduce carbon footprint and save dollars.	Hoff	Mark	Beekeeper	
Connecticut	Please help our environment and pollinators!	Jackson	Daun	Gardener	
Connecticut	This is a simple approach to improve our environment to support honeybee health.	Knisely	Jonathan	Scientist/Researcher , Beekeeper	
Connecticut	I have long thought that the state transportation departments could save money in the long run by following the example promoted by Lady Bird Johnson in Texas - plant wildflowers. Though the initial conversion of roadside grass to wildflowers and "no mow" low growing grass species would take some expenditure, in the long run it would be cheaper. Mowing would need only be done once per year, saving countless hours of roadside mowing every year. At the same time, our highways would be beautiful and we would help pollinators.	Liedlich	David	Beekeeper	
Connecticut	Sound like a win win situation!	Mastriano	Patricia j	Beekeeper	
Connecticut	Our environment and food sources are a very important part of prevention and good health.	Meola	Linda	RN health advocate	
Connecticut	We can't live without the pollinators.	Nichols	Joan	Beekeeper	

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Connecticut	Very sensible & important	Pollard	Jeannette	citizen	Essex Garden Club
Connecticut	This is already happening in Belgium and Highways look so much more pleasant than before	Quaeyhaegens	Nadine	Beekeeper	
Connecticut	Been having problems with why the state of Ct don't. Just plant wild flowers in the medians	tamborra	edmund	Beekeeper	
Connecticut	This is a great idea, please authorize.	Urist	Alessandra	Beekeeper	
Delaware	This bill could save so many species! Please pass and implement it!	Guise	Karen	nature lover	
Delaware	Bees are involved in producing more than half of the food you eat. If you like to eat, then you should support this bill.	Hingst	William J.	Beekeeper	Delaware Beekeepers Association
Florida	I think that bees and butterflies need a helping hand. Thank you for supporting this initiative.	Agness	Roger	front yard gardener	
Florida	I support the birds and the bees.	Bainbridge	Frank	Florida Master Naturalist	
Florida	It is time for us to be pro-active in helping pollinators for without them, we all shall perish.	Bamford	Stephen	Interested citizen.	
Florida	There are several good reasons to adopt environmentally sound mowing practices. In Florida where lovebugs are a plague for drivers, a change in mowing patterns would apparently help the problem. Also the wildflowers that used to be prevalent alongside highways can thrive with a change in mowing patterns; that would be a beautification benefit all by itself.	Barnes	Lujoye	interested individual	
Florida	I strongly believe that the further decline and loss of pollinators would be catastrophic to our earth and many forms of life upon it. We are all connected in what we like to call the web of life. And, as with a spider web, if you pull on or disturb one strand, the whole web is affected, and often, as in this case, in far-reaching ways we cannot even imagine or know. Please do your part to help prevent this and other catastrophes from happening to our earth!!! Thanks, Linda	Beaudine	Linda	Naturalist	
Florida	I am against nearly all roadside mowing on interstates and highways. It is a waste of taxpayers money, and destroys habitat. The indiscriminate spraying of herbicides should also be discontinued.	Billings	Shane	Scientist/Researcher	

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Florida	Nature photographer have positive economic impact and will be attracted to areas managed correctly for the bees and other wildlife. Proper management saves agencies money! It helps all the wildlife. It turns a boring roadside into a pleasant and beautiful landscape!	Boothe	B.	Nature Photographer	SNAPP (Nature Photo organization)
Florida	It saves agencies money! It helps all the wildlife. It turns a boring roadside into a pleasant and beautiful landscape!	Boothe	M.	Landowner	
Florida	It is important for our well being as a people to protect the bees and other pollinators.	Bradbury	Rebekah	Beekeeper	
Florida	the above letter says it all -- please act on this, too much that is precious has already been lost -- thank you	Burke	Linda	Beekeeper	
Florida	Pollinators are so vital for us all!	Calhoun	Christine		
Florida	We need to protect the Honey Bee if we expect our crops and fruit trees to continue to produce and feed the world masses. It is critical that more research be done to find safe ways to protect both the Pollinator and the plant if the farmer is to continue feeding the World's Peoples. I for one do hope our nation's leadership understands the relationship we have between the Honey Bee and crop production in America and around the world. Properly managed Honey Bee Colonies are key to successful Food Production here in the U S and around the World!	Clark	Carl	Beekeeper	
Florida	In the past three years I've watched our bee population decline. Likewise, so has our fruit crop. Please take action to not only protect but also foster habitats for these amazing animals. Without them, we have no honey, no almonds, and few fruits. Bees are so small, yet provide us with so much. It's time to give back to them. Thank you. Diane Conyers	Conyers	Diane	Chaplain	
Florida	We have a 12 month growing period in much of the state. Unmowed roadsides are perfect corridors for pollinators. Think of the gasoline saved and the amount of air pollution reduced if this bill passes.	Cooper	Linda		

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Florida	As an active member of the Hairstreak Chapter of the North American Butterfly Association as well as the Magnolia Chapter of the Florida native Plant Society, I now how important both pollinators and plants are to this planet and the web of nature.	Craig	Virginia	nature lover	North American Butterfly Association member
Florida	We need more gardens & less concrete for all wild life	Cusmano	M. A.		
Florida	Years ago I took a wildflower course and I remember that the professor was against roadside mowing because it destroyed so many of the natural wildflowers and other vegetation. After seeing all the amazing growing things on the sides of the roads around Gainesville and outside of Gainesville I too was against roadside mowing.	Dewsbury	Joyce		
Florida	I think that a photo of Chinese people climbing trees to hand pollinate was the single moment I realized what was happening. We now celebrate any bees that arrive in our yard and so appreciate the fact that a neighbor's bees worked hard to produce all the blossoms on our orange trees this year! Thank you for your efforts, too.	dickinson	sally	nature appreciator	retired
Florida	Pollinators are extremely important to the environment and need to be protected. I stand with Rep Hastings (FL) and Rep Denham (CA) in their efforts and this bill. Thank you.	Dunbar	Katreece	Bee lover	
Florida	In general I support less mowing of roadsides for A) beautiful flowers blooming are mowed before setting and maturing their seeds and B) all the pollinators are killed along with the flowering plants. C) There is nothing beautiful about mowed lawns and that is the principle behind the constant mowing of roadsides.	Eoff	Sara	butterfliier	
Florida	I live near Highway 441 in Gainesville, Florida, and have watched with dismay, as wild flowers were mowed at peak bloom, preventing them from seeding. The result is that the beauty of this designated scenic highway has been greatly diminished over the past years.	Flagg	Margaret		

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Florida	Florida is the 3rd largest Honey Producer in the US. It is vital for these pollinators plus others to have foraging land that is not contaminated by chemicals such as pesticides, insecticides and herbicides. So much natural land for pollinators have been turn into ethanol corn fields. Please Protect our pollinators. Sincerely, Lisa Flurie Beekeeper	Flurie	Lisa	Beekeeper	Amazing Honey Bee
Florida	Protecting and nurturing pollinators is vital to sustaining life.	Foote	Sally H.	Beekeeper	
Florida	Merely the sight of wildflowers along the highways adds much to the beauty of an area. Driving through Georgia I was impressed by the wildflowers that had been planted along the interstates. I also assume that much money could be saved by reducing the amount of mowing.	GIRARD	DENNIS	AMATEUR BOTANIST	FL. NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY
Florida	We must do everything that we can to help our environment.	Gray	Tamara		
Florida	There are many wildflowers, including native orchids, that flourish along roadsides and they look much prettier when they are not mowed, and this includes inside out national parks.	Hammer	Roger	wildflower identification guide author	
Florida	We need to immediately create alternatives to important habitat that has been lost for these pollinators.	Hampton	Mary	concerned citizen	
Florida	Butterflies and bees need all the help we can give them!	Haynes	Olivia		
Florida	This is very important to the state of Florida's economy.	Hendricks	Sara	Scientist/Researcher	University of South Florida Center for Urban Transportation Research
Florida	This is very important to the state of Florida's economy.	Hendricks	Sara	Scientist/Researcher	University of South Florida Center for Urban Transportation Research
Florida	It's important for all of us.	Holland	Lynn	Beekeeper, gardener	
Florida	In Hoiland, Korea, Japan, Maine, NH beautiful flowers grow wild along busy highways, why not in the U.S.	Kleinfelt	Barbara	Wildlife Member	Butterfly Club

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Florida	As an entomologist who has seen the hard data on the impact that mowing regimes have on our insects populations, especially our pollinators, I support this bill. It doesn't have to mean "no mowing" as that is sometimes required for traffic safety, but knowing when to mow and how often to mow, as well as how severely, are the keys we have found that make a huge difference in insect richness and abundance. As a nature lover, I love seeing the butterflies, bees, flies and beetles visiting the thistles, coreopsis, and other wildflowers...not to mention our agricultural fields.	Koi	Sandy	Scientist/Researcher	University of Florida
Florida	Enjoy seeing the beautiful flowers along our country roads and highways	Kress	John	gardener	
Florida	Save the Bees!	Langa	Jennifer	teacher	
Florida	Efforts by DOT to reduce mowing in Florida statewide have saved money from gas savings and increased wildflower diversity and pollinator habitat across Florida. If we can do it - so can others.	Larsen	Claudia	Nursery grower	Micanopy Wildflower Nursery
Florida	If bees die, we die. This is a wonderful idea & should be implimented immediately. Monsanto, Bayer & Dow have declared chemical warfare on every living thing. This is genocide & it has to stop...NOW!	Leslie	Susan		
Florida	Reduce chemical fertilizer and pesticides use Save on maintenance costs Restore natural habitat and native wildlife	Lewis	Michael	math teacher	
Florida	I totally agree with this legislation. We need a change.	Liftman	Dan	Writer	
Florida	Common sense helps make quality of life better for everyone, and the gain from this law just makes common sense.	Linwood	Judith	Butterfly Club Member	
Florida	Saving money on fighting the natural ecosystem (mowing and managing) right of ways is both conservative and environmentally sound. Over managing the ecosystem through management such as chemicals and mechanical (mowing trimming etc.) means is not only monetarily but is also done at wildlife's expense.	Lundh	Jane	Beekeeper, concerned citizen	
Florida	This is so timely. We need all the pollinators we can get. While honey bees are fine... let's not forget our native bees and wasps. See a few at my website www.calhouncountyherbarium.org	MacClendon	Travis	Herbarium Curator	FI Native Plant Society

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Florida	This is a simple way to help pollinators that can have a big payoff for all--people and insects.	Malone	Kathy C.	Butterfly watcher	
Florida	Why would anyone NOT support this bill.	Maros	Joyce		
Florida	Lots of small changes will have a signif impact. This sounds like a simple and effective solution to several environmental issues.	Martin	Shana	midwife	
Florida	Bees pollinate our food. We don't want to loose them and need to support and protect them. Less mowing means less money and fuel spent and helps support our pollinators, a win win situation.	Mccollom	Jean	Scientist/Researcher	
Florida	Think of the future	Meszaros	Diana	Nature lover	
Florida	Our bees pollinate many flowers, trees, and the foods we eat everyday. Without them we cannot live. Everything a bee does ultimately protects our planet does it naturally without harm. Not to mention the food they help grow and the natural beauty a bee spreads all over our planet...also the bee helps the butterfly survive as well..	Moskal	Antoinette	Registered Nurse	
Florida	I have seen roadsides in many states stripped of all supporting greenery--with consequent lack of butterflies, bees, and other insects helpful to pollination. And I have seen many residential areas barren of these insects as well. Eliminating roadside mowing and discouraging broad application of pesticides can help us bring back the environment that supports insect pollinators, without whom we will continue to lose healthy foods: vegetables, fruits, and nuts.	Newcomer	Margaret	Gardener	Member, Sarasota County Butterfly Club
Florida	Bees are life givers, important part of the ecosystem.	Penalosa-Kirby	Adriana	Teacher	
Florida	I have been researching the loss of native bees and butterflies for the last 16 years. In 2013 I worked on a project in which Florida DOT tried mowing at different time intervals along highways in Alachua Co. to see if more native bees and butterflies took advantage of the greater diversity of wildflowers that grew and bloomed when the grass and forbes were allowed to grow taller. GOOD for bees and butterflies!	Pence	J. Akers	Scientist/Researcher , Lepidopterist	
Florida	Plant more wildflowers.	Pestorius	Ruth	gardener and butterfly enthusiast	
Florida	This act would create a win-win situation - improving wildlife habitat while saving maintenance dollars.	Powell	Lynn	citizen	

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Florida	More bee food = more pollinators = bigger food crops = better economy	Redburn	Joe	Beekeeper	Bee Keeper
Florida	We all need to find the BEST ways. We need the best education about how to live on our planet.	Robbins	Shawn		mom
Florida	As president of the Sarasota County Butterfly Club, this effort would also support butterflies, another important pollinator in our world.	Rosenbeck	Karen		
Florida	I see the evidence of a decline in pollinators in agricultural fields. I see the mowing costs and fertilizer requirements associated with our present maintenance operations. I see the erosion consequences of intensive mowing	Sedmera	Joseph	retired invasive/exotic contractor	
Florida	The benefits of this bill are many-fold, and I strongly support its passage.	Shapiro	Alan	Nursery/Grower	Florida Highway Beautification Council Member
Florida	Wildflowers help the pollinators, are beautiful, and easy to maintain	Slaminko	Sandra	Monarch Waystation	Member of North American Butterfly Association
Florida	Since I do lectures to community, native plant and youth groups on the importance of our native pollinators and the population problems of the monarch butterfly, I am familiar with the problems involved. I highly recommend that Congress pass this bill.	Squires	Alan	Naturalist	
Florida	Cut down on mowing? Save bees and other precious animals? What's not to like?	Stewart	Sharon	concerned parent/voter	
Florida	I enjoy strolling along roadsides to see what is blooming and buzzing. They can be rich habitats and help our watersheds by capturing fluids from vehicles.	Tebay	Carole	Master Naturalist	
Florida	also it could save some fossil fuels.....	tyner	mack	Scientist/Researcher , Beekeeper	univ of florida
Florida	Hooray for Reps. Hasting and Denham	Udy	Robert	wildlife enthusiast	
Florida	Please help us help the bees.	Uhlmeyer	Karen	Beekeeper	
Florida	We cannot ignore the signs.	Vance	Ginger	Gardener	
Florida	Less mowing saves everyone money, reduces air pollution, adds beauty, and aids our troubled pollinators who help keep food on our tables.	Wesche	Sonia	Scientist/Researcher , Concerned citizen	
Florida	I support this bill which recognizes the importance of native plants and biodiversity for the ecological services they give us.	Wettstein	Fritz	Scientist/Researcher	Florida Native Plant Society

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Florida	It always seems that the road side flowers are at their most beautiful that the mower cuts them down - what a shame and how wonderful it would be if they could continue to flower and look beautiful.	Wing	Elizabeth	retired museum curator	
Florida	As a 6th generation Floridian, I hate to see my Tax Dollars wasted through excessive mowing of our road sides. In my opinion, we should just mow one row on each side of the road and allow natural vegetation to grow on the remainder. The natural vegetation will not only add to the beauty of our roads but also can also help our government(s) save money. I've often felt that palmetto bushes grown beside roads are a better way to keep cars from crossing a median than expensive guard rails that don't always do their job...and palmettos look better than guard rails, too! Thank you for reading my opinion.	WOODARD	BENNIE		
Florida	mowing highways adds to the pollution of the environment and takes away natural beauty, not to mention the enormous and unnecessary expense.	yap, m.d.	jesse c.	butterfly gardening	
Georgia	Love the bees and the flowers.	Britt	Kerry	Beekeeper	GA Beekeepers Association
Georgia	This is a small step with huge implications. Please do something positive for a refreshing change.	burton	Susanne	attorney	
Georgia	Please pass this!!	Culbreth	Danny	Beekeeper	
Georgia	Please pass H.R. 4790, the Highways Bettering the Economy and Environment Pollinator Protection Act (Highways BEE Act)	Gilmore	David	Beekeeper	
Georgia	As a native Floridian I would love to see this forward thinking bill passed. I hope GA follows.	Heath	Sara	Naturalist	
Georgia	We all need to stand for those who cannot speak.	Honeycutt	Ellen	Concerned individual	
Georgia	Pollinators are very important to not only agriculture but the entire food web.....I strongly support the planting of pollinator habitat wherever possible.	HORN	Scott	Scientist/Researcher	

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Georgia	Man made environments and structures should enable (when possible and feasible) the continued habitat and biodiversity for plants and animals. This would help align the US DOT and various state DOTs with the various regulations, statutes and laws pertaining to sustainability and environmental stewardship.	Nimitz	Andrew	Beekeeper, Civil Engineer	Federal Aviation Administration
Georgia	I am a local beekeeper and have been for over 50 years. I am very concerned about pollinators. This effort will certainly help to provide food for our bees.	Ovbey	Jim	Beekeeper	
Georgia	As an organic gardener and beekeeper I cannot emphasize how important it is to increase the habitat for pollinators and to drastically decrease the use of herbicides and pesticides. Meadows can be beautiful with wildflowers and serve as an education and a mind changing opportunity for the public in general. The reduction in cost alone should be enough justification to change towards a more natural, permaculture and low maintenance design from the grass and bushes we frequently see in the highways and near entrances and exits in Georgia.	Silva	Maria	Beekeeper	
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Georgia	My brother is a bee keeper. I am concerned about the enviroment!	Tyler	Etta	Nurse/mother	
Georgia	There are many issues contributing to honey bee decline, including pesticides including the new nicitinoid systemics, genetic diversity, loss of habitat and nutrition. I support the Highway Bee Act to counter the nutritional issues of lost habitat, and would include the cities and minor roads linking small towns.	Walter	Jonne	Beekeeper	

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Hawaii	This issue is as important as global warming and environmental degradation because of humanities overpopulation and activities - including genetically modified organisms - which do nothing except kill bees and other pollinators.	besly	robby	concerned	
Hawaii	Please do the right thing for our planet...	Kinsman	Susan	human being	
Hawaii	one of the most important issues of our time. this bill will help keep our environment intact and our food supply flowing by creatively protecting our critical pollinators.	palma-glennie	janice	landscape designer	
Idaho	I support HONEY BEES and other beneficial wild life.	Barnhart	George	Beekeeper	
Idaho	I have managed large scale pollination projects with leaf cutters and Blue Orchard bees for 35 plus years. Currently building pollinator reservoirs for Pioneer Hibred International in Idaho	Bitner	Ron	Scientist/Researcher , Beekeeper, leafcutter and Orchard Bees	Bitner Vineyards
Idaho	Our bees need all the help they can get! Our foods depend on them.....	McSheehy	Kelly	Beekeeper	
Idaho	Thank you for supporting this very important Bill!	Montague	Megan	Beekeeper	
Idaho	My business, my livelihood, my very life (and yours) is dependent, in part, on the pollinators; bees, etc. I support any and all actions which increase pollinator habitat and reduce pesticide usage.	Robison	Michael	Beekeeper, Farmer	
Idaho	This seems to be a very good use of highway right of way land.	Thompson	Mark	Beekeeper	
Illinois	Buzz on!	Alwill	James	Tree higher	
Illinois	I agree with the intent of the bill and as the Director of Public Works and as member of the Parks and Recreation Committee, or the Village of Mettawa Illinois, we could use the support of Congress for justification of decisions for plantings and maintenance activities.	Armstrong	Bill	Beekeeper	
Illinois	I would like to see more integrated vegetation management along our highways. I am sure that here are opportunities for individuals to collect seeds and give to IDOT to use for the purpose of providing healthy sources of pollen for bees to collect.	Armstrong	Carol	Beekeeper	Beekeepers association
Illinois	I am very worried that pollinators like bees and Monarch Butterflies are going to be all killed by pesticides. We need safe places for pollinators to forage and I support this bill a thousand percent.	Barber	Beth	Concerned Citizen	
Illinois	this is a must. our very existence depends on it....	beaty	sue	gardener	

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Illinois	Pollinators are in peril and are critical to our food supply. It is essential that we create a more friendly environment for these animals.	Bergman	David	Beekeeper	
Illinois	Very concerned for the collapse of colonies among bees nation wide and effects of chemical products used to promote "urban look" along highways.	Bertling	Margaret	Beekeeper	
Illinois	A thriving stand of milkweed along the road in Highland was recently mowed down, for really no good reason. It is a hillside with a field at the top and the road at the bottom. It was an attractive stand of grasses and milkweed. Why couldn't it have been left alone? We need to get past the mindset that everything needs to be mowed down. We'd save the cost of gas and time, plus support the struggling populations of monarchs and other pollinators if we'd use better sense in utilizing the field edges and roadsides.	Brammer	P	homeowner and taxpayer	
Illinois	I support the bill, as providing more habitat for pollinators is good for the overall ecosystem. It's a win-win.	Burke	Dan	Beekeeper	
Illinois	Clean farming is hurting beeping. We need help.	Camp	Rick	Beekeeper	
Illinois	I volunteer with Heartland Pathways and am a beekeeper. Heartland Pathways preserves native Illinois prairie plants. Excessive mowing and spraying prevents native prairie plants and pollinator plants from having a chance to benefit us and wildlife. Sprayed and fertilized green lawns and roadsides may look nice, but don't provide wildlife or pollinators much to survive on.	Campbell	Kim	Beekeeper	
Illinois	No bees No farms No food	Carmody	Mary	Beekeeper	
Illinois	I support the bees!	Cashin	Sean	Beekeeper	
Illinois	Bees are great and maintaining habitat for all pollinators (and other small wildlife) is important.	Casper-Shipp	Magdalena		The Land Connection
Illinois	Please pass this bill. What better way is there to save money and improve the environment at the same time. Both reasons are desperately needed.	Cheryl	Lynch	Individual	
Illinois	Bees need all the help they can get.	Combs	Terry	Beekeeper	
Illinois	Neo's are already enough of a problem. Please consider giving the bees some recovery space.	Dillard	Alan	Scientist/Researcher	Retired

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Illinois	I have seen years of no bees in my garden and I know it is important to give them places to pollinate and thrive. Please allow us to save you the money needed to tend these areas by planting a habitat that is not only beautiful to look at but helps preserve our pollinators. Thanks	Eaves	Kasey	Food Gardner	Urban Gardner and Small Business Owner
Illinois	If poor visibility is the issue for mowing and not letting ROWs return to wild growth, than allow a strip or two down the middle or several feet of their favorite flowers. But whatever, just do something for these critters!	Fischer	Rebecca	Beekeeper	small acreage farmer
Illinois	To me this is a no brainer, it would save DOT's much needed funds and also beautify roads. I have been pushing for this for quite sometime. There is no reason to mow! Often roadways look much worse after being mowed. This is a win-win.	Franchini-Osberg	Stephanie	Conservationist	
Illinois	I am a long-time believer and implementer of roadside prairie.	franks	doug	engineer	
Illinois	Use the tremendous amount of ROW land to promote pollinator habitat.	Friedman	Bill		
Illinois	Pollination is important for food production.	Gidwitz	Nancy	Beekeeper	
Illinois	This is a painless win-win way to reduce costs, increase pollinator populations and help the agriculture community.	Harney	Sue	Public Official	
Illinois	Humans have to eat. Need to keep the bees and pollinators alive!	Holbrook	Hannah	I am a person who cares about this issue!	
Illinois	i agree strongly with all arguments in the letter.	hopper	maia	gardener	
Illinois	Not only do the habitats get destroyed when beside highways are mowed, but the mowing causes unnecessary pollution and waste of gasoline. We need to protect our world! Thank you!	Hutchcroft	Frances	concerned citizen	
Illinois	We need to take responsibility for the destruction of the environment for our wildlife. Everyone should be concerned about the bees dying off. Time to take action!	Irving	Sherry	Concerned Citizen	
Illinois	I think bees are very important to the environment.	Isaac	Rodney	Beekeeper	
Illinois	Reduce spending and pollution increase wildlife and ecosystem services like natural water filtration its a no brainer support this bill, Please!	Kamper	Joe	Teacher	

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Illinois	The time to PREVENT A POLLINATOR CATASTROPHE is NOW !! There are thousands of miles bordering today's farm land where there are not even any FENCES to provide FENCEROWS for any pollinating plants, other than grasses, to grow !! The interiors of today's farms are often DEVOID of any borders between different crop varieties, (due to the economics involved), so no native pollinating plants can grow !! We NEED HABITAT for pollinators ... FUTURE "economics" will PROVE that !!	KERR	EDWIN	Beekeeper	retired
Illinois	This is also in support of saving many dollars in mowing costs.	Kingmaan	Joy	Beekeeper	
Illinois	As a beekeeper with many years of experience, I know how much forage for honeybees has dwindled in the past 40 years and how important this source of food is for our pollinators. Please support this bill.	Kloepper	Kenneth	Beekeeper	
Illinois	Planting bee and pollinator- friendly plants along highways and reducing mowing can be a budget wise and simple way to help provide essential habitat to bees and other important creatures. This coupled with not spraying pesticides/herbicides on these roadways can be an important part of strengthening pollinators that are struggling with habitat loss, positioning and disease. A reallocation of existing resources and change of management practices would not only help bees, but planting flowers along highways would be beautiful, too!	Iencioni	laura	Beekeeper	
Illinois	This provides highways for people and migrating insects, For butterflies , bees and a wealth of biodiversity.	Lichtenfeld	Charlotte	Beekeeper	
Illinois	One person's weed is another person's flower.	Lindau	Jim	Beekeeper	
Illinois	This is important because pollinators need our help, before it's too late and they are gone forever. Bees +Flowers = food.	Liss	Rose	Beekeeper	
Illinois	Please support and pass H.R.4790	Listopad	Renaya	gardener	
Illinois	this is a good idea because we use so many chemicals and pesticide and doing that we provide some chemical free flowers for the bees,more clean air for us and a beautiful landscape too. thanks	Liviu	Ilciuc	Beekeeper	

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Illinois	<p>As we continue to build, as the Farm industry continues to plant more acres, we (the Beekeepers and the Bees) are losing more and more natural habitat. We'd like to see at least 1 acre of Habitat for every acre lost to a Parking Lot or Planted Crops. Our Bees help pollinate over 30% of all the foods we eat and if we continue at the current rate, we'll be forced to import or just not have these foods for us at all.</p> <p>These requests just make common sense. Please support our requests.</p> <p>Thanks/Bob McDonell</p>	McDonell	Robert	Beekeeper	Cook-DuPage Beekeepers Assn
Illinois	because this is common sense!!	Mercer	Alexandria	Beekeeper, Veterinarian	
Illinois	I would like to suggest plantings of milkweed for monarch butterflies as well. We now way too much with very little purpose.	Mollet	Valerie	Beekeeper	
Illinois	What a simple solution to so many conservation & financial problems!	Monk	Florence	Farmer, Gardener	
Illinois	If we can use these road medians to feed the pollinators we should do it. I think it will beautify our roadways and reduce expense in both man hours and fuel that states are currently spending.	Nottmeier	Chris	Beekeeper	
Illinois	We must keep our pollinators safe; otherwise, green energy is an empty proposition.	O'Keefe	Philippa	interested citizen, trained in beekeeping, food preservation, and food safety	
Illinois	because it makes sense!	Olson	Denise	Veterinary Professional	

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<p>Illinois</p>	<p>The number honeybees colonies of Illinois are rapidly decreasing. Farmers are utilizing chemicals to control weed competition in their field crops. Weed plants in and around agricultural crop fields have been rich sources of pollen and nectar.</p> <p>Honeybees benefit from collecting a variety of plant sources for their nutrition. This variety of plant sources improves the honeybee's health just like eating foods from various sources is healthier for people. If highway road backs were planted with a variety of flowering plants, the honeybees and other pollinating insects could thrive from these new food sources.</p> <p>Flowers along highways would add beauty to the highway scenery. If the plants were allowed to mature all summer, less labor would be needed to maintain our highways. This could reduce highway maintenance costs.</p> <p>Homeowners and farmers are utilizing insecticides which are safer their families and pets, but these chemicals are very dangerous for pollinator insects. These safer pesticides remain in the crop and garden plant tissues killing insect pests and pollinators. Honeybees store plant pollen collected from chemical sprayed gardens and fields. When this pollen is consumed, the young and parent honeybees are both killed.</p> <p>A well planned variety of roadside flowering plants blooming continuously from early spring until late fall could provide</p>	<p>Owens</p>	<p>Delmar</p>	<p>Beekeeper</p>	
<p>Illinois</p>	<p>My hive is not far from the road and the vegetation is essential for their survival. Urban reality has seriously diminished natural vegetation for pollenators</p>	<p>Parrett</p>	<p>Francina</p>	<p>Beekeeper</p>	
<p>Illinois</p>	<p>A lot of native species are in jeopardy today, and bees are a keystone species that humans depend upon as key pollinators.</p>	<p>Peterson</p>	<p>Sharon</p>	<p>Bat Conservationist educator</p>	
<p>Illinois</p>	<p>Please realize we need pollinators! We must do everything we can to save them because it will also save us.</p>	<p>pettit</p>	<p>susan</p>		
<p>Illinois</p>	<p>The money saved on equipment such as mowers and tractors would be significant. The jobs could be moved to other dot openings.</p>	<p>phillip</p>	<p>raines</p>	<p>Beekeeper</p>	
<p>Illinois</p>	<p>Better use of existing Highway Right of Ways to help flowering plants and pollinators is a great idea. Please support this legislation.</p>	<p>pittman</p>	<p>david</p>		

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Illinois	As a former Mayor of our Village and a beekeeper I can see first hand the health and visual beauty derived from improving mowing roadside practices. Our roads have become neat and tidy but along the way we have reduced the habitat for pollinators so needed to support a health eco-system.	Ray	Jesse	Beekeeper	
Illinois	It is obvious that we are seeing a decline in pollinators and this threatens the web holding life together on earth. We have a responsibility to be stewards for all other living things what we share our one and only planet with.	risvold	kristina	Beekeeper	Master Gardener
Illinois	Great plan it's a win win for all	Rosin	Barbara	Beekeeper	
Illinois	It is vital that the habitats that support our pollinators, butterflies, and birds be preserved and expanded.	Ruopp	Kathy	Beekeeper	Illinois State Beekeeper Assn
Illinois	Can you see hand pollination happening here? hahaha	Ryan	Barbara	Beekeeper	
Illinois	We're are ruining our world....	Ryan	Barbara		
Illinois	This is a terrific opportunity to leverage our public land for biodiversity and a better long-term future for our lands. Please don't hesitate to deliver this elegant solution!	Scheitler	Stephanie	Concerned voter	
Illinois	This will go a long way to help our pollinators, our honey bees, and even our own food resources. More pollinators = more yields for farmers.	Schumacher	Eleanor	Beekeeper	
Illinois	I strongly support HR 4790, the Highways BEE Act. I am 67 years old, live in the country in northern Illinois and have been gardening and feeding birds all of my adult life. To my dismay, every year I see the decline of the precious wildlife around me. We do not use chemicals on our property for our health & that of the animals, birds, & insects that live here, however we have seen an alarming decline of wildlife and bees. We are considering adding a bee hive or two to our property, because they are so necessary for our crops and plants.	Sherer	Linda	Conservationist, Gardener	
Illinois	HR4790 has my full support. It is a win-win solution for several of the problems we have in this country. It saves money by reducing mowing, and uses conservation methods to help pollinators, birds, & small animals survive by supplying healthy forage and nesting areas.	Sherer	Steve	Gardener, Conservationist	
Illinois	This needs to pass to save our bees!	Sibley	Joseph	Beekeeper	

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Illinois	What good for the bees is good for us!	Smith	Thad	Beekeeper	
Illinois	We must support animal habitat in order to increase diversity and bio mass. Our future depends on it. Thank you.	Thompson	Michael S.	Scientist/Researcher , Beekeeper	
Illinois	I wholeheartedly support this decision.	Vanek	Karen	Scientist/Researcher	
Illinois	Bees are a vital aspect to the ecosystems around us. They provide pollination for numerous plants to survive, and humans are unable to said task. If bees continue to decrease in population, the ecosystem as we know it will slowly wither away. Plants, insects, and animals are not only affected but humans also.	Walta	Erin	Scientist/Researcher , Student	University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign
Illinois	All pollinators would benefit from this program, as would agriculture, and the planet in general.	Watanabe	T	Beekeeper	
Illinois	Pollinators are beatiful and beneficial. We need to protect them and give them more natural spaces.	yazel-musks	mary	gardener	
Indiana	Let's work together & enjoy a Cricket Creek Candle	Crawford	Marie	Beekeeper	
Indiana	Beautification, Pollination, and Reduction of expenses - it's a great thing	Davidson	Ginger	Beekeeper, farmer	
Indiana	Mowing is too costly and roadsides can be excellent places for insects and birds. Must control invasive plant along with this!!!	Fielding	William		
Indiana	Roadsides have been depleted of the natural wildflowers due to farming, mowing and spraying practices across the country. I support this to enhance the survival of the honeybee and other insects that might use these practices.	Foster	Royce	Beekeeper	
Indiana	Critically needed! What a waste of good space planting and mowing grass.	Hile	Glenn	Scientist/Researcher , Beekeeper	
Indiana	The pollinators need all the help they can get, why waste money on mowing. This could be a win win for everyone. Reduce costs and help the honeybees	Klisiak	Holly	Beekeeper	Beekeeper
Indiana	This seems like such a simple idea yet it would help our world in so many ways. The highways would be more beautiful. The bees and butterflies would flourish. The mowing would not need to be done. Let's do it!	Kraft	Elizabeth		
Indiana	Help the bees! And other pollinators.	Lewis	Becky		
Indiana	I support beneficial insects. Pollination is important. Bats eat mosquitoes as does birds. We do not want any more habitat loss for these vital animals insects.	Mahuron	Jimmy	Beekeeper	

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Indiana	I HAVE SEEN SEVERAL AREAS WHERE THEY HAVE WILD FLOWERS IN THESE 'ROWS' AND IT REALY IS MORE ATTRACTIVE TO PEOPLE AS WELL AS BEES WOULD IT BE POSSIBLE TO PARK A HIVE OR TWO IN SOME REMOTE AREAS???-BUT ONLY AREAS NOT BEING SPRAYED ??THANKS RUSSELL	MCCULLOUGH JR	RUSSELL	Beekeeper	
Indiana	way overdue - eliminate the waste and return to health	ritter	rick	Beekeeper, gardener	gardner/beekeeper
Iowa	We must not continue to allow companies to use chemicals that deplete the pollinating insect populations. We need to preserve insects from bees to monarch butterflies - the circle of life, which includes humans, needs these species.	Barels	Gail	Educator	Linn County Conservation Department
Iowa	Without pollinators, the world would starve. Please help ensure the survival of pollinators by supporting this bill.	Bevins	Pegi	Beekeeper	
Iowa	Bees need nourishment. The monoculture that is our rural areas is not natural or supportive of our NATIVE homeland. We have potential to be even more beautiful than we already are. We also can be leaders in preserving and encouraging a habitat that will help for generations to come. We are the stewards of this planet. Please, PLEASE support this!	Burton	Jennifer	Beekeeper	
Iowa	A win/win idea.	Chapman	Janice	Beekeeper	
Iowa	As a prairie enthusiast I have been concerned with the decline in pollinators and have noticed fewer insects on my own land in the last few years. We need to take action now to undo some of the many mistakes of the agricultural and lawn care industries. Their wonton foolishness is not sustainable-we can't keep poisoning the earth and expect less than dire consequences. The only land that is available for planting insect habitat are rights of way.	Clark	Anne	concerned citizen/voter	
Iowa	We have friends that keep bees and they experience more loss of natural lands, leading to loss of territory for the bees. This a great use of land!	Hanson	Christa	Homeschooler	City Council Member
Iowa	Please look at all the positive aspects bees provide. And why we are contributing to their decline.	HARMS	Bruce	Beekeeper	

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Iowa	This seems like a great solution. Spend less money maintaining rights of way, improve habitat.	Hayes	Joseph	Concerned Citizen and friend of Beekeepers	
Iowa	We need to preserve safe places for bees, butterflies and other pollinators. Their good health means our good health.	Kopatich	Kay	Chaplain	
Iowa	I am seeing a steep decline in bees, flower flies, wasps and other pollinators and insects over the last several years. Their habitat is being lost rapidly, and mowing ditches reduces it even more. A combination of reduced mowing and planting of native forbs and grasses would be very helpful. The seriousness of depletion of our pollinator species cannot be overestimated.	miller	eileen	amateur naturalist	
Iowa	I too, am very concerned about our pollinators and their future. We garden and grow fruit crops - pollination is essential! We also have noticed the plight of Monarchs heightening over the past several years. H.R.4790 is a sensible approach with promise - please support it!	Morrison	Bruce	Concerned individual	
Iowa	Let's be proactive here.	Perkins	Penny	Scientist/Researcher	
Iowa	I know a situation like this has never happened before, so we have to act promptly without previous experience. It is crucial to act now.	Porter	Judy	concerned person	
Iowa	I am thrilled to see a logical bill to be set in place that's is not only beneficial to wildlife and restoring roadside biomes but also something that is very appealing to look at when traveling	Schuur	Andrew	Outdoor enthusiast	
Iowa	I live in a state where the ditches and roadways are mowed to baldness. There is never a butterfly or bird to be seen until entering areas not mowed, where wildlife can be viewed and heard. Please, please, please enact this bill to encourage highway maintenance officials and the public to end mowing on roadways to increase bee, butterfly and wildlife habitat!	Smith	Lindy	photographer working with native plants	artist
Iowa	We need our pollinators for crops! And our butterflies & their caterpillars for food for birds, ad well ad for their beauty and tourism. Please support roadside habitat for these essential animals.	Watrous	Jill	Gardener	
Kansas	We got to get bees healthier or it's all over. Besides, if it saves states some money, how can that be wrong.	Cook	Kelly	Beekeeper	Kansas Bee Keeper Assoc.

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Kansas	Someone has to do something. I started my own "monarch highway" and began beekeeping, but more has to be done on a larger scale!	Dingley	Kathryn	Beekeeper, avid gardener	
Kansas	Simple-no pollen no food!!	Parry	Marc	Beekeeper, farmer	
Kansas	This is great idea and one I thought about before but live and state who state DOT spray the road side.	Seastrom	Edward	Beekeeper	
Kansas	Some states seem to embrace wild flowers in their road ditches, others feel they need to be trimmed like lawns. We need to spread the word.	Swob	Greg	Beekeeper	
Kentucky	IF we don't something soon, the Bees will be gone and then the humans who caused the decline of the Bees. We need Bees to eat !	Alexander	Debra	Interested in saving the BEES	
Kentucky	Please. Because of "factory farming" and the loss of milkweed and other native plants from this we badly need to give more host plants and pollen plants to our bees and butterflies. The health of our country depends on these very beneficial insects.	Beard	Susan	member of Wild Ones	
Kentucky	This is a wonderful opportunity to make good use of wasted land. Not to mention the savings on fuel and wear and tear on tractors. Let's put those highway right of ways to a productful use!	Bezold	Marsha	Beekeeper	
Kentucky	I am a citizen who is concerned about the dramatic decline in bees, butterflies, and other pollinators due to habitat loss and pesticide use. Allowing rights of way to grow naturally with native plants is good common sense for environmental, financial, and aesthetic reasons. I strongly support this bill!	Bhatt	Suzanne		
Kentucky	Imagine a world without pollinators. Impossible! We must act quickly to make a difference.	Bowe	Ann	landscaper	
Kentucky	Without bees and other pollinators, we may end up killing mankind. Spraying roadsides increases the chances of that happening. The benefit we receive from cutting/ spraying roadside vegetation is miniscule at best. Why not make those roadways a refuge for pollinators instead?	Brashear	Pamela	Teacher	
Kentucky	I am concerned for public health, as a pharmacist. I am concerned for bee health, as a beekeeper. Without bees, everyone's health is in jeopardy.	Cann	Amber	Scientist/Researcher , Beekeeper, Healthcare provider	Asst. Professor, Sullivan University College of Pharmacy

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Kentucky	This bill is a creative idea for enhancing habitats for pollinators as well as saving money.	Coufal	Jeanette	gardener	
Kentucky	This bill would tremendously benefit our pollination of agricultural crops throughout the country and contribute to the overall health of the native pollinators. Please consider approving.	Eaton	Lori	Beekeeper	
Kentucky	This program could be physically implemented by volunteers. I would be one!	Fortner	Jana	citizen	
Kentucky	This should be part of the school programs all across the country for our youth to learn the only way we live with our land !!!!	Garden	Rose	Nutritionist	
Kentucky	Firstly: Obviously we need the bees and the bees need the flowers! Secondly: The idea would not only be a preserving the existence of scarce wild flowers but also encourage rare ones to propagate. These would then be there for research of their medical properties.	Garnham	Robert G	Artist Designer. retired	Voluntary water sampler. KRWW.
Kentucky	This is a great chance to provide additional forage for our bees, who are facing great challenges for their survival.	Hacker	Lyn	Beekeeper	
Kentucky	KY passed a highway rights of way bill in 2010. There was zero opposition to it. It saves money because perennials do not need mowing, pesticide spraying, etc. It is a great way to convert some public lands to more beneficial and environmental uses and save money too.	Horn	Tammy	Beekeeper, State Apiarist	KY State Apiarist
Kentucky	Have often wondered why we don't use all that land space between highway lanes or along interstates. Passing this act will be a win-win for nature, wildlife, pollinators, and people.	Howard	Mac	Beekeeper	
Kentucky	This makes complete sense, folks.	James	Erin	Beekeeper	
Kentucky	I have traveled states with beautiful unmowed medians full of wildflowers--practical, helpful to pollinators, easy to maintain, and lovely to see. Why not?	Johnson	Judith	Educator	
Kentucky	Without bees, we have no food. Time to wake up and support their habitats, people!	Jordan	Debra	Concerned citizen	

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<p>Kentucky</p>	<p>I am so concerned for our Monarchs... the BT that has been genetically inserted into corn plants is in the pollen (as well as the rest of the plant). The pollen is then distributed widely by the wind. So much of the milkweed (which is the monarchs' only food) is on the edge of cornfields. The pollen gets on the milkweed leaves and is eaten by the monarch caterpillars, which then die. They are being killed by an 'organic' remedy for corn ear borers.</p> <p>Roadside plantings of milkweed could be placed far enough away from this GMO corn to enable the monarchs to make a comeback. (I have already planted some swamp milkweed in my yard).</p> <p>Other 'field flowers' can help our bees, which are also struggling to survive. We NEED those bees, to pollinate our crops!! Everything from apples and strawberries, to tomatoes, squash and peppers must be pollinated by bees.</p> <p>Any money we save on mowing (equipment, gasoline, etc.) can be used for something else. I am sure the highway department has many other things these workers can do besides mowing.</p>	<p>Koontz</p>	<p>Terri</p>	<p>Science teacher and gardener</p>	
<p>Kentucky</p>	<p>We have a crucial responsibility to do whatever it takes to sustain life and its universal connections. Thank you for the time & effort that have been given to this environmental cause!</p>	<p>Mazurek</p>	<p>Joan</p>		
<p>Kentucky</p>	<p>I think this is a long time coming and would like to see it expanded to federally funded set aside land</p>	<p>Moore</p>	<p>Michael</p>	<p>Beekeeper</p>	
<p>Kentucky</p>	<p>I think this is a long time coming and would like to see it expanded to federally funded set aside land</p>	<p>Moore</p>	<p>Michael</p>	<p>Beekeeper</p>	
<p>Kentucky</p>	<p>As the pollinators go, so go we all. We must use every weapon we have to win this battle - including road right aways. The result of not winning are unimaginable and very frightening.</p>	<p>Porter</p>	<p>Linda</p>	<p>Gardener</p>	<p>Wild Ones and Garden Club of Kentucky</p>
<p>Kentucky</p>	<p>we need more bees, and I would rather look at flowers than mile after mile of mown lawn.</p>	<p>radus</p>	<p>c</p>	<p>Beekeeper</p>	

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Kentucky	Food crises will mark coming decades. Pesticides are a huge problem. An increasing % of Americans are aware of and better informed about climate destabilization, droughts, rising sea levels in coastal areas, especially south Florida. Attacks on science are insane. We need all the sciences in the development of public policies that engage these problems and others such as a decaying infrastructure that will magnify the impacts I've mentioned.	Reid	Reid	Scientist/Researcher	Emeritus Professor
Kentucky	Very hard area (Ky) to raise bees due to lack of flowing plants. Additional bad weather area. Insecticides are used for power lines and highway that kill bees.	Skaggs	Jon	Beekeeper	
Kentucky	I live next to a divided highway and would love to maintain it as pollinator habitat. It could promote my farm as well as save money mowing.	Tucker Jr.	Ray	Beekeeper	
Kentucky	As a naturalist that has been teaching in the outdoors for over 20 years, I must say THANK YOU! This is a great start, let's keep going to be the best stewards of our natural spaces that we can be. :)	Viles	Jim	Outdoor Science Educator	
Louisiana	This bill is essential to our environment for many generations to come.	Atighi	Harry	Hobbyist	LA beekeepers association
Maine	This project will help Monarch butterflies, migrating birds (humming and others) as well as local bees and pollinators! Please support these bills!	Allen	Tracey	Beekeeper	
Maine	Bees are essential to healthy ecosystems Money saved on mowing can be used much more productively	Brown	Elizabeth	Student	
Maine	I study wild bee communities in power line rights of way and see that these unmowed natural habitats harbor diverse wild bee populations. I fully support leaving highway rights of way unmowed (where visibility allows, of course) to promote wild bee populations.	Du Clos	Brianne	Scientist/Researcher	
Maine	Bees need more forage. I should not need to feed my bees in may!	Kimball	Karen	Beekeeper	
Maine	This is a great opportunity to help the pollinators.	Pride	Peggy	Beekeeper	
Maine	The bees need all the help we can provide. I would like my tax dollars to provide more bee habitat.	towle	tamarra	orchardist	

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Manitoba	<p>Personally in the past over a number of years, I have picked up hundreds and hundreds of dead butterflies, some bees, dragonflies and witnessed numerous dead birds on the curb, on a one mile stretch of the highway near where I live. To preserve the beauty of the butterflies and expand the awareness of this tragedy, plus express the importance of this wildlife in the web of life, I have made them into earrings. Over the last few years, there have been next to none to be found, on the highway or within my garden. Though my zucchini plants have produced numerous flowers to date, they are falling off without being pollinated. Last year bees made a nest within my dry compost heap. This year I have only seen one or two bees. Where bees covered many of the plants I have growing yearly which they love, this year they remain standing silently alone. This is a most critical and important disaster that needs IMMEDIATE ATTENTION. We are part of the web of life. Let us all take this issue very seriously so that our precious planet may find a balance with us also in the picture. Presently, we are the most outstanding part of the problem. We can also be the most outstanding part of the solution. Let us play our part. By signing this petition, I play a small part. By gardening, I play a larger part. We need help</p>	Lovell-Simons	Janet	Artist, Gardener, Naturalist	
Maryland	<p>I understand there are efforts in place to reduce maintenance and control invasive species. This goes the next step to increase resources for both honey bees and our native pollinators. A great next step!</p>	Arnold	James	Beekeeper	
Maryland	<p>We are at a tipping point for Biodiversity. Protecting our native pollinators insures that we are not dependent on a single farmed species, the Honey Bee, to pollinate our crops and keep our native food chain alive. 96% of our land birds feed only caterpillars to their babies. Without caterpillars we loose our birds. This bill will help to undo the habitat fragmentation that is leading to major species extinctions among our unsung native pollinators.</p>	Coren	Ann		
Maryland	<p>This is a good thing. The bees need our help. If they die, we die.</p>	debbie	rafferty		
Maryland	<p>Honeybees are suffering a decline -- one of the issues is lack of proper forage for them as lands are taken over for development and big industrialized farms are becoming monocultures. By planting food for pollinators this would greatly benefit all.</p>	DeGeorge	Alisa	Beekeeper	Maryland State Beekeeper

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Maryland	Right of ways planted with low growing flowering plants are not only beneficial for pollinators, they are more attractive than grass and can be lower maintenance than mowing grass. An all around win-win that more than compensates for the higher initial cost of the flower seeds.	Forbes	Jeffrey	Beekeeper	
Maryland	The population of pollinators in the US is on a decline. The remaining bees and butterflys need a source of pesticide-free food. Roadside planting are a great opportunity to provide this.	Fritz	Lawrence	Beekeeper	Carroll County Beekeepers Assoc (Maryland)
Maryland	Pollinators need us and these spaces often are wasted.	Gillespie	Alison	author	
Maryland	Because of colony collapse disorder, widespread neonicitoid and GMO use, and more recently due to the highway disaster in Delaware with the 90% loss of bees being trucked for pollination on I-95, I fully support this act. Dr. C. K. Heinsohn	Heinsohn	Claudia	Scientist/Researcher , Beekeeper, Professional Pest Manager	
Maryland	Pollinators are vital to our existence. We must do all that we can to provide and improve on habitat	Kovensky-Gard	Aylene	Master Gardener	
Maryland	Please reduce mowing to build habitat for our pollinators. Nature is a highly connected, deeply dependent system that needs our cooperation, support and above all, protection. Without our bees and other pollinators, our world will find itself with insurmountable challenges. Let's work together to be sure that day never comes.	Langridge	Barb	Concerned Citizen	Master Gardener
Maryland	Excellent proposal. It is a win, win solution. It needs to pass.	Link	Carol	Beekeeper	Maryland Beekeepers Association, Master Gardener
Maryland	Interested in becoming a beekeeper. Think this is a I important way to help preserve wildlife and help keep Down invasive species	Maher	Jamelia	Farm owner	

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Maryland	1 of every three bites of food we eat depends upon pollinators. With increased development decreasing the pollinators' habitat and the threat they face from other factors in our environment- pollution, viruses and mites- I think this bill is an important first step in helping our environment...and maybe even saves tax \$\$ spent in mowing and the added pollution from the machines that do the mowing!	mc farland	holly	Master Gardener	
Maryland	Please help our bees find foraging material. Last year I lost 1/3 of my hives. We are losing habitat by people spraying their lawns and government mowing our highways. It is a dessert out there in a sea of green for our bees. Thanks, Mary McQueen	McQueen	Mary	Beekeeper	
Maryland	This would be a crucial step in providing more forage for all types of pollinators. Please support this bill! Thank you Dixie Mullineaux	Mullineaux	Dixie	Beekeeper	
Maryland	As a beekeeper and one interested in the natural world, I feel taking advantage of the space offered by medians and ROWs would be of great benefit to native bees, insects and birds. I hope this bill is supported and passed as an indication of everyone's interest in and support of our stressed and dwindling wildlife. In the end, helping them, helps us.	Poladian-Prior	Anna	Beekeeper	
Maryland	I think this is a wonderful idea - highway medians are the modern version of hedgerows! By restoring some of the biological diversity that has been lost to urban development and large-scale agriculture bees, other pollinators, and a variety of plants and animals can be sustained and continue to provide benefits we are probably only partially aware of. Plus, it may also be cheaper to maintain and more interesting to look at. Thanks!	Reichenbach	Lisa	Beekeeper, psychologist	
Maryland	Reduced mowing would also reduce carbon emissions as lawnmower engines are quite 'dirty'.	Reichert	Gail		

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Maryland	This is such a great idea. Help pollinators, save tax payers money.	Shaw	Marilyn	Gardener/birder	
Maryland	Help save our bees!	SMITH	FREDERICK	Beekeeper	
Maryland	Increase food resources for our bees	Smith	Karla	Beekeeper	
Maryland	This is a common sense solution to a long-term and far-reaching problem.	Stelzig	Chris	Association manager	
Maryland	Let's help State DOT's help honey bees, monarch butterflies and other pollinators.	Van Arsdall	Tom		
Maryland	Pollinators of all type are suffering massive losses for several reasons, a major one is habitat loss and loss of habitat diversity. Anything we can do to help them would be beneficial not only for the pollinators, but also for us as we are dependent for their services for much of our food.	Warner	Susan	Scientist/Researcher , Beekeeper, Professor	Biology - Community College of Baltimore County, Maryland
Massachusetts	i believe this is one of the most important issues that faces us today...please help our pollinators, and include the ROWs as well!	Baker	Karen	Beekeeper	
Massachusetts	Save money and improve the habitat? Seems pretty simple to me.	Barry	Karl		
Massachusetts	I would add to the reasons stated in the letter that natural growth on the sides of road is beautiful. Anyone who has traveled in many parts of Nova Scotia, where they let wildflowers flourish on roadsides, would have to agree. Very early spring, or very late fall, mowing would keep out trees. Saving mowing saves money, reduces air pollution, adds beauty, and aids our troubled pollinators who keep food on our tables. How can the idea be resisted?	Barry	S Elise	Naturalist	
Massachusetts	This bill is 100% common sense and a no-brainer if there ever was one. I have wondered for decades why state highway departments waste so much money mowing highway shoulders and medians when they are destroying wildflowers at the same time. This insane practice should come to an end!	Berry	Jim	Author of book on birds	
Massachusetts	Less state and federal monies on roadside maintenance (e.g., mowing) means a better chance for butterflies and nesting birds.	Bouchard	Fred	amateur naturalist	
Massachusetts	Please Help Save The Pollinators!!	Bourque	Pamela	Beekeeper, Gardener	

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Massachusetts	Our bees and butterflies, all our pollinators, need habitat to thrive and even just to live. So the more we protect open spaces, including spaces for flowering plants along highways, the better it will be for our invertebrates.	Chasan	Paula	Nature lover	
Massachusetts	The bees need all the help and habitat they can get!	Dolben	Hollis	Beekeeper	
Massachusetts	Please allow our native plants to grow along the highways. If for safety there needs to be a swathe of land cut just beside the highway leave the other areas open for plants to grow. Thank you.	Duke	Carol	farmer/artist	
Massachusetts	This is sanity.	Earle	Baldwin	Naturalist	
Massachusetts	Lost my hive in the first wave of colony collapse. Am doing all I can to aid local pollinators.	Gerrior	Laurene	Beekeeper	citizen scientist
Massachusetts	Until recently, power line corridors and other rights of way were not poisoned with pesticides and they were a major habitat replacement for the development of land for housing, malls, etc. Please continue to keep these corridors available to our many native pollinators. Thanks	Glenn	Mary	Beekeeper	
Massachusetts	Everyone wins with this !...it saves money for the government and helps the bees/other pollinators, and it beautifies public lands with wildflowers !...thanks !	Hamburger, M.D.	Ronald	Retired Physician	
Massachusetts	I have worked with plants my whole life and know the importance of pollinators to the ecosystem, to food production, and human existence. This bill is a good idea. Allowing more things to grow in the median will save on carbon fuel and provide carbon sequestration in the plants.	Hay	Ida	botanist/horticulturist	author
Massachusetts	DOT land can have an additional beneficial use to the public beyond transportation with the incorporation of simple conscientious management. In fact this may result in savings owing to reduced fuel costs...	Holden	Russell	Scientist/Researcher , Beekeeper, Teacher	Teacher, MassAudubon,

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Massachusetts	What is there not to like about this bill? Why didn't it pass in 2011? Most of our food supply is dependent upon insect pollinators. Insect pollinators need flowering plants for their survival and we need the pollinators for our survival. It is common knowledge that honeybees are in major trouble. One of the major ways to help them is to give them diverse and pesticide-free plants on which to forage. Highway center strips would be a wonderful and easy place to grow flowering plants for honeybees and other pollinators.	Howitt	C. Linda	Beekeeper	
Massachusetts	better for butterflies	Kamp	Carl	Scientist/Researcher	Massachusetts Butterfly Club
Massachusetts	This is a very important topic, and one very simple way to help out. Thanks for sponsoring this bill!	Kelly	Merilee	Concerned Citizen	
Massachusetts	Bees pollinate our crops. We need them. This one's easy.	Lane	Jay		
Massachusetts	don't delay this legislation	Lawler	Colleen	concerned citizen	
Massachusetts	I wholeheartedly support any legislation that would improve the environment simultaneously with our infrastructure.	Lehman	Frank	Concerned Citizen	Tufts University
Massachusetts	Everything we can do to support the environment by encouraging pollinators in as many areas as possible is very important.	MacBain	Ann	Beekeeper	
Massachusetts	Bees are extremely important as is our native flora. The more small and large things we can do to support both are well worth while. Some of the highways I have driven that have native flora in the medium are a pleasure aesthetically to drive. Thanks, Tom	Manders	W Thomas	Scientist/Researcher , Photographer	
Massachusetts	It will of course save money... but mainly because we need to do all we can to support our bees and butterflies. Without them we're kind of all in trouble as we need them to pollinate so much of our food.	Martel	John		
Massachusetts	Great cause, makes perfect sense.	Mazzotta	Gianni	Beekeeper	
Massachusetts	Pollinators need so much help and wildflowers along roadsides is a great way to help!	Melvin	Lorene	butterfly enthusiast	
Massachusetts	The bees need our help and WE NEED THE BEES	Metzler	Leslie	Beekeeper	

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Massachusetts	It's time we wake up as a species. CCD is the canary in the coal mine, along with ice caps melting, cancer epidemic, etc.	Puglisi	Carl	Beekeeper	
Massachusetts	This makes sense! We only have one earth! Why can't we save it and money at the same time?	Puliafico	Dawn		
Massachusetts	All the reasons that the bill was introduced. I have seen a decline in many species of birds since taking an interest 16 yrs. ago. I have read about the loss of honey bees and feel it is also related to the decline in birds, namely habitat loss.	Rawdon	Kathleen	active birder in Ma. Audubon	
Massachusetts	Very concerned about the dramatic decrease of bees over the past few years. It has a catastrophic potential (which should be clear to anyone who ever studied biology in his life)	Reznik	Galina	environmentally aware citizen	
Massachusetts	As a graduate of Boston University's Environmental Health MPH program, and as a beekeeper and ecological educator, I wholeheartedly support this bill. Not only will it aid in creating corridors for pollinators, but it will improve the appearance of our nation's highways and most likely reduce maintenance costs as well. This is part of a win-win solution to a serious issue our planet is facing. Ladybird Johnson would be proud!	Richards	Sadie	Scientist/Researcher , Beekeeper, Educator	
Massachusetts	In Massachusetts the roadsides used to be wildflowers, "weeds" which are often natural plants with nectar for bees and butterflies and others. Now our roadsides are being mowed and replanted with non-native grasses, to the detriment of our insects. Highway departments should heed the need for nectar sources. Bees pollinate most plants and provide the pollination for plants including our food plants. This is a necessity.	Robb	Alison	teacher/naturalist	
Massachusetts	Highways account for so much space across the US, and currently the land around them is largely being used for nothing with an ecological purpose. This bill would change that, and can do so in a relatively simple manner	Rosenblatt	Connor	College student	
Massachusetts	H.R. 4790 encourages cost-effective solutions to provide habitat for critical species such as honey bees and other native pollinators.	Schilling	Donna	Birder / Conservationist	
Massachusetts	As a longtime gardener, I feel that protecting our pollinators is crucial to the health of our food supply.	Schlesinger	Erin		

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Massachusetts	We should do everything possible to save the bees and the environment.	Smudin	Carole	environmentalist	n/a
Massachusetts	Bees, butterflies and other pollinators need our support. Also increase aesthetics.	Weatherbee	Pamela	botanist	
Massachusetts	This is such a fabulous idea! Go for it! It will help save the pollinators and look lovely, at a relatively low cost!	Whipple	Lynn	Supporter of bees	
Massachusetts	We need to protect and re-establish habitats for these needed pollinators if we are to survive. It's the right thing to do.	Wilson	Anne	Voting citizen	
Michigan	Prompt action is required. If I am wrong in making that statement, please respond and explain the value of time in regards to this situation.	Alden	Bruce	Steward	
Michigan	Great idea! As I drive I see mostly cut grass along our roads ... a virtual desert for pollinators like honey bees and butterflies. I'm sure some of the land would be a great place to place bee hives! Can you include a provision for this?	Alden	Jeffrey	Scientist/Researcher , Beekeeper	
Michigan	Thank you for supporting our native bees and pollinators. Without them we will not be able to feed our population. They are under attack by the chemicals that we are putting into our environment and need to be both protected and provided for. This is a must! Support for our farmers, our corridors, our wetlands, our native birds and bees and other pollinators. Thank you!	Andreen	Lori	Nature lover and native plant officianado	Wild Ones Member
Michigan	I have been raising bees for approximately 6 years. Each year they struggle to put enough stores aside and overwinter losses are devastating. Natural forage has been significantly diminished due to development and the routine use of herbicides and insecticides has also taken a toll. Most commercial farmers have turned primarily to wheat, corn and soy beans for economic reasons and no longer grow hay, alfalfa and clover which are excellent all season forage for bees. We depend on bees for most of our foods and they need all the help we can give them.	Ball	Laureen	Beekeeper	

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Michigan	In several areas of Michigan, wildflowers improve the appearance and habitat along the highway edge. It's tried and successful in these locations -- and beautiful. As we continue to lose upwards of 60% of our honeybee colonies each year in Michigan, every small effort to improve the environment for bees is vitally important!	Bashert	Lisa Marshall	Beekeeper	Ypsilanti Food Coop
Michigan	This bill has 2 big benefits, it will help the pollinators and will save a huge amount of fuel that is now used to mow the thousands of acres of highway ROW.	Bauer	Charles	Beekeeper	
Michigan	This is a wonderful idea in so many ways.	Beecher	Susan		
Michigan	The general public has no concept of how important bees are to plant survival and food production. We need as much protection for them as possible.	Bernice	DeMarco	Scientist/Researcher	Entomology Dept, Michigan State University
Michigan	Bees are a critical part of the planetary ecosystem. That this nation continues to poison and generally discourage them is unacceptable. Please work to pass the strongest legislation possible to protect these creatures from further abuse. H.R. 4790. Thank you.	Bray	Anne	conservationist	
Michigan	No Bees, no food, no food, no eat, no eat, can't live!	Burroughs	Arnetta	Horticulturist	
Michigan	If we dont help who will, when the bees die we all die.	craft	carl	Beekeeper	
Michigan	Pollinators are important for healthy food and a healthy environment. Let's use the right of way space to help honey bees survive!	Dyer	Richard	Scientist/Researcher, Beekeeper, Organic Farmer	Dyer Family Organic Farm
Michigan	Our bees need more of a variety of foraging plants. They cannot sustain a healthy diet with nectar resources being replaced with crops that don't produce nectar. This will give a great opportunity to to help our bees thrive and naturally maintain our environment.	Emery	Jesse	Beekeeper	
Michigan	Concerned about bee populations	Eshenroder	Janet	gardener	
Michigan	What will we have if we continue to diminish our environment due to human "advancements" and I use the word "advancements" lightly because I think a lot of people have lost sight of what is really important in life.	Fischer	Heidi		
Michigan	This bill could potentially save the local declining bee populations and would bring no harm or hassle to anyone. I fail to see a reason why anyone would not support this Act. Thank you Alcee Hastings and Jeff Denham for being the voices of the public.	Galbraith	Eric	Scientist/Researcher, Beekeeper	Michigan State Univ.

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Michigan	Not only would improving habitat along roadways support the bees and other pollinators, but it also helps to improve water quality since it will help to filter pollution from stormwater runoff from our roadways. Another important facet of our environmental protection goals!	Garrison	Jacy		
Michigan	The upfront cost of the program may be somewhat costly but the State and Federal DOT will save money in the long run by not having to mow the road sides. The money could then be used for maintenance of the roadways. The loss of habitat and the spraying of insecticides and herbicides harm the forage of the pollinators; which have already been decreased by modern construction and mega farming practices.	Graichen	Sandra	Beekeeper	
Michigan	Pollinators need our help. This is a great, practical way to assist our native pollinators.	Haas	Michael	Scientist/Researcher	Michigan State University
Michigan	Loss of habitat has impacted Monarch Butterflies and bees, pollinators that are essential to agriculture. Let's do what we can to help them. Michigan has lots of highway areas that are beautiful fields of native plants. It adds a touch of beauty that creates good migratory habitat.	Hayden	Sherry	an Earthling	
Michigan	We have plenty of easement right in front of our industrial buildings and we have easement behind them. We need our pollinators for food safety and for the eco system. Much depends on them.	Honhart	Anne	business owner	
Michigan	This would be a great use of land: it will be useful for bees (not just honey bees but native bees also) and pretty for people! win-win.	Huang	Zachary	Scientist/Researcher , Beekeeper	

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<p>Michigan</p>	<p>The concept of this proposal makes sense in so many ways - both ecologic and economic. There would be many more benefits than the few mentioned elsewhere in this letter.</p> <p>Reduced mowing also translates into purer-smelling air for travelers and residents who live along highways, a reduction in the health effects of equipment exhaust on humans and animals, a reduced impact on our atmosphere, and an increase in habitat for the dozens of other small mammals, birds and insects who can make their homes in the unmowed areas along roadsides.</p> <p>Increasing the type, variety and quality of forage for honeybees, and reducing the amounts of chemicals applied to our public land, means healthier bee colonies with increased likelihood of making it through both dry summers and harsh winters. Besides boosting the long-term survival prospects of the honeybee species, this means lower colony replacement costs and higher honey yields for beekeepers - enabling more beekeepers to remain in business and adequately support thier families. It also means better taste and reduced chemical levels in the honey that is eaten by consumers.</p> <p>And whether they are deliberately sown or allowed to propagate themselves, the flowering plants that spring up as a result of this initiative will make the landscape more vibrant, travel more pleasant, and life overall more enjoyable.</p> <p>I cannot urge you more strongly to please support this measure, for the health and well-being of us and the planet</p>	<p>Irving</p>	<p>Sheila</p>	<p>Beekeeper</p>	
<p>Michigan</p>	<p>I have thought about performing clean-up on highway of invasives as a private citizen through start of a non-profit with volunteers. In addition, replacing each invasive with native trees/plants to Michigan. I have researched lots about native plants in my area and have been on my way to re-establishing a native landscape on my suburbia home. I work well with scientists/researchers as well as others. Please allow citizens like me to help make a difference!</p>	<p>Jacobs</p>	<p>J</p>	<p>Engineer</p>	
<p>Michigan</p>	<p>Save bees, promote native plantings, reduce grass including energy and time spent on its maintenance</p>	<p>jensen</p>	<p>erich</p>	<p>Scientist/Researcher</p>	
<p>Michigan</p>	<p>I would like my future grand children to be able to enjoy honey and the plants which are pollinated by insects.</p>	<p>Johnson</p>	<p>Kevin</p>	<p>Very Concerned Citizen</p>	

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Michigan	I hope this passes!	Kelley	Maria	Student	Student
Michigan	We need our fruits and vegetables, don't let the bees die out!	Kelley	Susan	Person that loves fruit!	
Michigan	Understandable that deer are an issue when deciding these points. However monarchs and bees and other pollinators are so important to the world that it's worth trying to work on this. Other States are able, let's look at their examples. Thank you.	Klink	Nola	Beekeeper, Farming	
Michigan	Please help create ore natural habitats.	Kowalski	M. Suzanne	Master Naturalist	
Michigan	Please consider this innovative way to support pollinators and other beneficial insects in our environment.	Landis	Joy	Communicator	
Michigan	native flowering plants are a much better choice for public greenways that currently require mowing and other maintenance. Thank you for your time.	Lansdell	Robert	gradener	
Michigan	Time to act is now.	Lavery	Bill	Teacher of ethics	
Michigan	Save the bees; save the earth; save humanity.	lindenmuth	kate	human	
Michigan	We need to stop trashing our world.	Macaulay	C Diane	retired	
Michigan	Our lives, our food sources depend on pollinators. Let's increase their habitat by turning these ugly margins of grass into flowering meadows.	Matthies	Andrea	Native Plant/Landscape Restoration	Ann Arbor Chapter Wild Ones
Michigan	A healthy food supply for people is dependent on an abundant, healthy, food supply for bees and other pollinators. This is such an easy way to help them, as well as doing something to beautify our roadways.	Miller-Losby	Sarah	Bee and Fresh, organic, non-GMO produce lover	
Michigan	I strongly support the "Support Highways Bettering the Economy and Environment Act" (Highways BEE Act) Honey bees, monarch butterflies and other native pollinators are suffering drastic population losses, due in part to loss of habitat. Please help reduce this loss by voting for H.R. 4790 Sincerely, James Odell	Odell	James	Naturalist	
Michigan	My bees live close to the highway. There is an orchard on the other side that would benefit from their safe passage. All of that grassy space would be a perfect spot for them to forage.	Padalino	Elizabeth	Beekeeper	
Michigan	We need the bees...This does make sense...and would be very beautiful too.	Raak	Melita	nature lover	

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Michigan	Please save the pollinators. Thank you for your time and have a pleasant day. Respectfully, Thomas Rauch Jr. Grand Ledge, Michigan	Rauch Jr	Thomas	Beekeeper	
Michigan	Reduces mowing costs, increase sources for very necessary pollinators! Working together [across the aisle/highway] with the highway department, Volunteer communities would have an opportunity to create a "highway identity" determined by what is planted. Same folks that may be or have preformed highway pickup miles. Please vote in favor of this Highways BEES Act! Jerry	Renning	Jerry	Beekeeper	
Michigan	We need bees, butterflies, bats and other pollinators!!!	Rood	Josephine		
Michigan	Yay for protecting our pollinators!!	ross	gail		
Michigan	It's a small thing that will make a big difference toward protecting our future.	Scott	Michelle	Future beekeeper	
Michigan	I'm concerned about the millions gallons of herbicides and pesticides which are being applied for no good reason other than to make the chemical companies more profitable. The long term effects are not good It's been shown that the plants and insects become tolerant to the chemicals and the chemical companies have to come out with a stronger and more dangerous treatment.	Small	Joseph H	concerned citizen	
Michigan	I support the bill due to the identified decline of Bee foraging land in part due to contemporary agricultural practices (monoculture). Encouragement of right of way pollinator plant growth is a positive step toward providing the resources to bees and maintaining needed soil erosion controls while reducing maintenance expenses with reduced vegetation growth management. It is plainly good resource stewardship.	Sober	Ernest	Beekeeper	Michigan Beekeepers' Association and Center of Michigan Beekeepers
Michigan	Monarch population in Mexico is down to less than two acres due to loss of migration habitat. This is an opportunity to help them and many others.	Spears	A		
Michigan	All living things are connected. The harm we do to animals harms ourselves and the whole earth.	Stangl	Charmaine	concerned citizen	
Michigan	I have been attempting to do this in michigan trough the senate ad well as governors office. It's about time others have gotten on board to expand this and make it a reality!	Steller	Jessica	Beekeeper	

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Michigan	Any plantings should be of species native to the area--not Texas wildflowers in Ohio for example.	Stoll	Nancy	native plant gardener	
Michigan	This is SO obvious, SO beneficial, SO important for nature lovers such as me and for the larger economy. How can anyone be opposed to this?	Stringer	David	Photographer	
Michigan	This is something that is very important to declining Monarch Butterflies also.	Stringer	Kim	Scientist/Researcher	
Michigan	It seems like a very good idea to help the bee population. Physical looks of the roadside would be changed and probably not as pleasing to some people. But if it were explained to people why we were doing this, I believe people would be understanding.	Stuckey	Terry	concerned citizen	
Michigan	Enacting this bill could have a significant impact on our declining biodiversity, the environment, and the quality of life for all of creation and for future generations.	Turner	Gayle	Concerned Citizen	Wild Ones
Michigan	This bill is win-win/ Win for the environment, and win on the economics: lower cost to State and Michigan farmers and gardeners.	Wade	Norma Jean	Cert. Adv. Master Gardener	
Michigan	We will face global famine if the pollinators are not protected.	Wardowski	Ann		
Michigan	It is common sense and a direly needed solution for maintaing a healthy ecosystem. Our food supply suffers without the pollinators. These actions will also beautify our roads.	Winkelman's	Betsy	Environmentally concerned citizen	
Minnesota	This bill will be a vital link in the work to safeguard and enrich our native pollinator species. The amount of territory our communities can reclaim for pollinators is enormous and the economic benefits of this effort is so heartening to learn. Thank you to the two legislators who wrote this marvelous bill!	Ahlstrom	Sandra	citizen, homeowner and community environmental volunteer	Master Gardener with the U of Minnesota - Hennepin County
Minnesota	This is imperative.	Amundson	Beret		

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Minnesota	Native plants are essential to promoting healthy populations of insects, which form the basis of a healthy population of birds and mammals. Many native plants are beautiful, and their planting would contribute to the beauty of roadsides, which are often populated by invasive species. Roadsides cut across large swaths of the United States, so if they were planted with flowers, grasses, and bushes suitable for insects and larger wildlife, this would significantly aid native species, some of which are rare due to lack of suitable habitat.	Bertilson	Gabriel	gardener of native plants	
Minnesota	Millions of acres can be converted to natural prairie, resulting in significant savings along with benefits to nature.	Blowers	Debra		
Minnesota	It is vital we provide all the habitat for pollinators we can, at this critical juncture of species decline. This is part of the solution.	Bonk	Vicki	Grow Monarch Habitat coordinator	Nokomis Naturescape and Minneapolis Monarch Festival
Minnesota	This is urgent and required. I hope everyone can awaken to the imminent disaster if we do not immediately begin to care for and support the honey bees, butterflies, birds and other wildlife.	Bovaird	Stephanie	Registered Nurse	
Minnesota	I have kept my land open to nature for years and even planted things before it was popular	Carver	Nancy	supported of this, my yard is like this	
Minnesota	I have kept my land open to nature for years and even planted things before it was popular	Carver	Nancy	supported of this, my yard is like this	
Minnesota	When I tell people that I'm working on the pollinator issue, they perk up and can't get enough information out of me. It's truly amazing the concern on the part of citizens, and it has taken off like wildfire. People understand the importance and the wider ramification of the issues surrounding pollinators. I urge Congress to pass this act now.	Chucker	Judy	activist with Humming For Bees	
Minnesota	The populations of many pollinators is crashing. This will lead to food shortages.	Glesne	Lynn	Mother of a beekeeper	
Minnesota	IVM using native plants is an easy step for ALL State Departments of Transportation to take, benefiting pollinators, migratory birds, small mammals and biodiversity in general while solving roadside issues of erosion control, water quality, and safety at the same time. A win-win!	Harper-Lore	Bonnie	Scientist/Researcher	

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Minnesota	Using IVM practices to help the stressed bees and other pollinators find refuge and food is excellent, creative and good common sense! Please pass HR4790, The Highways Bee Act.	Hauser	Patricia	private citizen who like to eat most all the things bees pollinate!gs	
Minnesota	The survival of bees is essential to our food supply and to my plot in a large community garden in South Minneapolis. Please help create bee friendly environments. Highway ROWs would be a great place for milkweed and other bee friendly plants, and should reduce the need for mowing.	Hollander	Kathy		
Minnesota	This way the high ways, freeways do the environment good.	Jung	Thomas	Beekeeper	
Minnesota	Our livelihood is dependent on pollinators which are quickly losing habitat.	Kalantari	Michelle	Concerned Citizen	
Minnesota	Bees and Pollinators need this help. There are many good reasons to make our ROW pollinator friendly. There are many types of native plants that need protection form herbicides and pesticides to sustain a diversified ecosystem. Please support this bill.	Long	Tom	Beekeeper	NE MN Beekeeper Assoc.
Minnesota	Awesome idea!	Lunbery	Catherine	Citizen	Citizen
Minnesota	We need to preserve and help create habitat for pollenators so that our locally-grown food can be pollinated. Pollenator-conscious actions such as IVM along right of ways are necessary to create significant corridors and habitat. Thank you.	Markus	Lynne	Organic gardener	
Minnesota	This bill is a logical solution with far reaching benefits at a critical time for pollinators. All this and it simultaneously decreases both the cost to mow and the exhaust of more carbon. Brilliant.	McCarthy	Therese	Beekeeper, Veterinarian	
Minnesota	We must do something to solve the issue of colony collapse.	Murphy	Veronica	Citizen	
Minnesota	By now it is well known facts we NEED to help these pollinators or we will be in big trouble. This, along with other efforts can make a difference.	Nichols	Mark	Beekeeper	
Minnesota	It's so important and necessary .	Poquette	Trudi	Wild ones twin cities member	
Minnesota	This is an opportunity to help benefit everyone and reduce costs for states that participate.	Quigley	Kerry	Beekeeper	

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Minnesota	I enjoy food; I prefer that my food come within the US; I love sharing the Monarch story with our grandchildren; I love the birds and other butterflies that depend on our native plants and hope they all continue growing along our highways and roadsides. PLEASE vote to support this important ant. Thank you.	Rice	Jeffrey	environmentally-concerned citizen	
Minnesota	Pls. do what you can to bring back the environmental beauty of yesteryears!	Rice	Martha	grandmother who remembers the days of beautiful birds, b'flies, etc.	
Minnesota	They need all the help they can get.	Roberson	Tami	Gardener/Conservationist	
Minnesota	The more we do, and the sooner we do it, the better.	Rohlfing	Suzanne	tree farmer	
Minnesota	This is an excellent bill which, in my opinion, is long overdue. It may be the last and best hope for our pollinators.	Ruehling	Jason		
Minnesota	Without bees we will not have food. If you think about it we all depend on the life of bees they are the ones that pollinate all of our food. When the bees die off will we?	Shaub	Angelina	mn citizen who likes to have food	
Minnesota	Thank you for supporting this bill!	Shipp	Sandra	Concerned Citizen	
Minnesota	I can't believe MN sprayed the ditches, killing untold numbers of milkweeds. We KNOW Monarchs are on the decline, and MN is helping eliminate them!	Sluis	Debra	earth lover	
Minnesota	Improving habitat for pollinators is essential. Reducing pesticide exposure and infections in beehives is important but, without adequate habitat for bees, working on these measures won't be as effective.	spangler	maurice	master gardener	
Minnesota	I do what I can in my yard and community to grow plants that benefit bees and other pollinators. This would be an amazing way to use a huge amount of the land that our taxes support and maintain, to help those insects and small animals thrive while potentially saving the DOT money in the long run AND helping to ensure our food supply will not decrease due to lack of pollinators. I strongly support this act and have confidence that it will pass, as there does not appear to be a down-side for anyone. Thank you for your consideration - Annie Sparrows	Sparrows	Annie	Concerned Citizen	

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Minnesota	This is important. Let's share these "waste" spaces with our fellow creatures and watch the benefits accrue back to us.	Stopyro	Mark	Concerned citizen	
Minnesota	If bees pollinate 30-40% of our food supply (fruits, vegetables, and forage crops), count me as a supporter.	Thiss	Thomas	concerned citizen	
Minnesota	We are avid animal and nature lovers who hike, canoe, garden to preserve bees & birds, and want to do all we can to help the bees keep us all healthy as well as themselves!	Thurlo	Debra	concerned citizen/nature lover!	
Minnesota	I THINK THIS IS A VERY GOOD IDEA AND SHOULD BE HIGHLY CONSIDERED.	TIBESAR	PERRY	Beekeeper	
Minnesota	Improve air and water quality with native plantings. Refrain from mowing these highway right of ways!	Torkelson	Marilynn	native plant gardener	
Minnesota	As one of the producers of the Minneapolis Monarch Festival, I have learned a lot about monarchs and other pollinators in the last 6 years. H.R. 4790 is an important step in saving pollinators and other beneficial insects that are crucial to our food supply and the complex ecosystems that depend on those insects. Please support this bill, and other actions that help save pollinators, and the world's most awe-inspiring migration - the monarch migration from Canada to Mexico.	Ulrich	Rita	native plant gardener, monarch enthusiast	
Minnesota	Our bees are dying, let's do everything we can!	Wagoner	Elizabeth	Gardener, bird watcher, citizen of planet earth	
Minnesota	This is a great idea!	White	Carl	Habitat nurturer	
Minnesota	I am a neighbor of a bee keeper, who suffered Bee Colony Collapse last year due to pesticide use in the neighborhood. We are organic gardeners and I plant native plant species in my flower gardens	Whitw	Carol	Gardener	
Minnesota	Return the ditches and open lands to chemical-free and unmowed so they provide pollinator habitat.	Winegar	Karin		journalist
Mississippi	As a beekeeper I am very much aware of the economic and ecological importance of pollinator species. Also, flower covered ROWs are more attractive than the ones that are constantly being mowed. Maintaining ROWs for the benefit of pollinators and other species is a winning situation for everyone. Please support H.R. 4790. Thank you.	Harvill	Donald	Beekeeper	

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Mississippi	Integrated Vegetation Management for highway R.O.W.s is beneficial all around!	Stewart	Elizabeth	self-employed/gardener	
Missouri	I was just sharing with my daughters yesterday how Oklahoma has many wildflower plots along their highways (and have for many years) and wished other states would follow suit!	Bradley	Catherine	Beekeeper	
Missouri	I would love to see this done nation wide.	Collins	Corinne	Beekeeper	
Missouri	We drove to Wichita and back to Kansas City a couple weekends ago and never saw one butterfly along the way! Sad!!! Sad!!!!	Fish	Laura	Beekeeper	
Missouri	Without the little honeybee and all the other pollinators our planet will/would die. We ABSOLUTELY MUST PROTECT THEM HOWEVER WE CAN!!	Ruffolo	Mary Jane	An advocate and archair activist for a healthy planet!	
Missouri	As lands of the heartland, conducive to productive agriculture, expand for increased crop production, the highways and byways have become increasingly important habitat landscapes for pollinators.	Ruppert	William	promoter of native landscapes	Grow Native!
Missouri	Please take this small, simple step to help bees and other pollinators in our precious environment.	Scholl	Mary Frances	intereseted in supporting bees and those who keep them	
Missouri	thank you for supporting this important legislation.	Smith	Daniel	Beekeeper	
Missouri	Anything we can do to encourage the preservation of our native pollinators and build awareness about their importance is of utmost importance to me and many others. Please support the Highways BEE Act. Thank you!	Whelan	Marcia	Beekeeper, conservationist	
Missouri	Bees are really under pressure and must be protected.	Wright	Pammela	Beekeeper	
Montana	Bees are perhaps the single most important part of the food chain that directly affects humans. Without pollination there is no fruit and vegetable production, the loss of bees has been enormous already.	Vanderhorst	Elizabeth	Naturalist	
Nebraska	I have been thinking about this for years. It always makes me mad when I see the state wasting time and money to "destroy" the plants in the roadway ditches. I know that there has be a decrease in the native plants that butterflies (especially Monarchs) and bees need and I have introduced more native plants and bushes in my yard, including milkweed. The road ditches are a perfect place to allow native plants and weeds, that support our wildlife, to grow.	Andersen	Mickie	gardener	

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Nebraska	There is so much opportunity with roadsides. I would love to see this implemented in my state.	Fiala	Todd	Beekeeper	
Nebraska	We need to support this bill and get it passed! It will be an important step in helping pollinators of all types but especially bees. Without pollinators, we will cease to exist	Mettenbrink	John & Patricia	Concerned Americans	
Nebraska	Vitally important to help our native insects.	Padelford	Loren	naturalist	
Nevada	We need to anything & everything to support the Bees	Aboumrad	Sherlyn		
New Hampshire	I support any attempt to encourage recognition of the importance of bees to our future, and this attempt seems very worthwhile. /s/ Gordon R Blakeney	Blakeney	Gordon	Consumer of honey	
New Hampshire	No bees no food, we need to protect our friends for they have served us well for centuries and if they go they are taking all of us with them within 4 years!	Dolbec	Cathy		
New Hampshire	One possible way to mitigate the damage to bee populations caused by insecticides and GMOs.	Rhonda	Watts-Hettinger	future beekeeper	
New Jersey	Pass this bill!	Ackroyd	Elizabeth	Beekeeper	NJ and ME Beekeepers associations
New Jersey	Several protections need to be included with this act. Protection for deer and similar wildlife that access the green areas across highways (this also reduces accidents on the highways), prohibition of insecticide application on the greenery, removal of plants that would become a nuisance or worse if left untended. But the overall idea is terrific and will greatly improve habitats for wildlife endangered by the encroachment of civilization.	Ammons	Victor	Beekeeper	
New Jersey	I understand the importance of the need for substantial action to be taken in the reduction of pollutants and other damaging environmental causes in the destruction of natural bee habitats. Urban development can be changed to accommodate these detrimental pollinators. Please take action, save our bee population.	Asplint	Sophia	Organic human	
New Jersey	Please pass this bill.	Baile	Gwen	concerned citizen	
New Jersey	Pollinators are necessary to maintain healthy ecosystems and we need to do all we can to help keep their populations at high levels.	Cable	Kevin	resident	
New Jersey	Lets do this!	Connor	Donna	Beekeeper	Beekeeper

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New Jersey	I have never be passionate about anything. Bees and other pollinators are in trouble. Just like we need a diversity in food so do they. New Jersey is a state with highways and lawns(we have few flowers through out our growing season). Please help us with this project, parks, roads, etc. All can give up some grass for- weeds (food For our pollinating friends and our food as well) Thanks Drew Madzin	Drew Madzin	Drew	Scientist/Researcher , Beekeeper, Farmer	
New Jersey	Other than enough for a car to pull off the road, please leave the rest of the ROW alone for habitat. I would suggest mowing the edges only in case motorists need to pull over because of the tick population in taller grasses and the high incidence of lyme disease in many areas.	George	BJ	Beekeeper, Human Being	
New Jersey	Pollinator habitat loss is one of the main causes of the decline in honeybees.	Kloss	Robert	Beekeeper	NJ Beekeepers Association
New Jersey	Please support this bill..	Lacy	Susan	Beekeeper	
New Jersey	I have severe allergies and asthma. Since I started eating my local honey, I found that I am living an allergie-free life. Your local honey is an all natural antihistamine.	McCormick	Marilyn	Bee Admirer	
New Jersey	We need all the Pollinators we can get.	Menzella Jr.	Mike	Beautification Group	
New Jersey	Support bee keepers in new jerseys	ravaneli	viola	Beekeeper	none
New Jersey	WE NEED HELP FOR POLLINATORS	Wagenblast	William	Beekeeper	
New Jersey	Looks like a win/win to me!	Walsh	Barbara	retired teacher	
New Jersey	As a citizen who tries to do my part to limit my impact on the environment, it seems intuitive to use native plants that support the local ecosystem and minimize maintenance of the margins of our highways and byways. Combined with the fact that I am a hobby beekeeper with an apiary a few hundred yards from interstate 78, I wholeheartedly support this legislation and hope that you too will support it.	Warner	Andrew	Beekeeper	

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New Mexico	Any action that helps our native pollinators helps all of us. Also the planting of pollinator friendly plants will reduce mowing AND herbicide use, which is often harmful to pollinators. Thank you. Ms. Alex Fischer	Fischer	Alexandra	Beekeeper, supporter of native pollinators	
New Mexico	Texas is doing this, we can too!	Sperlich	Betty	Beekeeper	Sangre de Cristo Beekeepers
New York	I am doing all I can to provide quality pollinator habitat in my own yard, and I strongly support creating quality habitat along our entire public highway system. This is one of the most important things we can do to protect our grandchildren's future.	Allen	Janet	Citizen	
New York	This is long overdue. All those roadsides that could have flowers for pollinators, less mowing. Doing it more in the south than we have in the northeast. Should be a good opportunity to save money and add to habitat.	Ballerstein	James	Scientist/Researcher , Beekeeper	
New York	We are at a critical juncture in the overall health of our environment, food supply and future. I believe that supporting this bill will help to ensure our healthful food supplies and environment for the next generation.	Barocas	Ira	Citizen	
New York	We need to rethink our use of land to offset habitat loss and our use of fossil fuels. This proposal does both.	Bouler	Nadine	Educator	
New York	everyone knows we desparately need the bees so there should be no question about supporting the	coulter	arlene	food grower	accabonac protection committee
New York	the loss of milkweed has caused the near extinction of monarchs. Retaining the milkweed by not mowing along roadsides would help, while saving local resources, labor, costs.	ferguson	a	gardener	
New York	I live in an area where there are a lot of beekeepers and hear all the stories about decline and the difficulty of finding a healthy place to keep their hives. I plant bee and butterfly loving plants in hopes that my small step may save a few bees.	Fischer	Llaura	Friend of Bees	
New York	Bees are one of the major connectors to our web of life on this planet.	Foster	Debra	Concerned citizen	

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New York	We need bees or we will have nothing to eat or nothing to enjoy seeing or have raw honey. Save the bees. Arline	gidion	arline		Same committee with bee keeper
New York	Great Idea!	Groner	Patricia	Concerned Citizen	
New York	Registering my vote to support this bill!	Hanby	Maria	Beekeeper	
New York	I would like to continue to eat...without bees there will be no pollination	Italiano	Phyllis	retired school administrator	
New York	Make it so!!!	Jamie	Jamie	Human	
New York	3 years ago, my 40 year old apple tree was buzzing with bees when it bloomed. I had a natural bee hive in the ground in my yard. Two years later, when the tree bloomed again, silence. The bees left their hive, and I had very few apples. The tree bloomed again this year, and I saw three bees on it while it bloomed. I know we are looking at great food peril if we do not restore habitat for our pollinators. Please pass this wonderful bill.	Klepacki	Marianne	Gardener	
New York	If anyone eats food they should sign this!	Klughers	Deorah	Beekeeper	Bonac Bees
New York	This is essential for our kids, grandkids, great-grandkids, great-great grandkids, and on and on and on!	Kohlhagen	Karen		
New York	Our environment and the survival of our species is interdependent with those of others. This is a small adjustment in our behavior that will greatly impact the mortality of other species, and so will have a favorable impact on our own. As parents, it is our duty to teach that such stewardship is our responsibility to ensure the continued growth and survival of our ecosystem	LaMotta	Landa	Science & Nature Enthusiast & Parent	
New York	If Honeybees do not survive, neither do we.	Lanzieri	Renee	Citizen	
New York	We need to do everything we can to protect our pollinators.	LeBlanc	Karen	educator	
New York	Have seen only one bee in my yard this Spring. Frightening, given the essential nature of their input for agriculture.	Matheson	Don		
New York	Without bees, we starve.	Matheson	Don	person who eats food	
New York	I am constantly frustrated when the highway areas close to my home are mowed just when the milkweeds etc are coming in destroying these host plants for many pollinators	Mazzella	Cathy	citizen scientist	

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New York	Honey Bees, birds, and others animals are vital to our environment. Loss of pollinators will drive up costs in agriculture and cultivation of crops. Prices for such things as almonds, honey and other foods will rise. Lack of pollination of trees will decrease habitat, shelter for wildlife and beneficial insects, etc..	McNally	Glenys		
New York	Sounds like a simple solution to a potentially very big problem. I'd like to see this pass. thank you	Muller	Timothy	Beekeeper	
New York	I have always wondered why we waste time and money mowing our highways, especially in NY. Critical habitat is wasted, we need to protect and improve these corridors,	Orzell	Jacqueline		
New York	Without pollinators our lives are in peril!	Peachin	Lorna	soon to be beekeeper	
New York	Loss of bees and decrease in sightings of other pollinators is worrisome to say the least.	PROCTOR	PAUL	Beekeeper	
New York	Bees are a vital link in humans healthy life style for the pollination of the great food we eat. We need to support the Bees for the health of all.	reilly	dorothy		Women Who Care Women Who Dare
New York	Be for Bees!	Rice	Alan	Scientist/Researcher	American Museum of Natural History
New York	I have been an artist for most of my life, and have been working on my major final project, that of MONARCH BUTTERFLY LIFE CYCLE AND MIGRATION, which I intend to continue working on this coming fall, and do hope to obtain my 2nd certificate in Natural Science Illustration from New York Botanical Garden, where I graduated 2002 in Botanical Art and Illustration. I find it perfectly timely to be doing this work and do hope it will help regain the life of monarch butterflies! Thank you so much.	ROOS	JOANNA	ARTIST	
New York	Must love Bees	Stanley	Dana	Beekeeper	
New York	Please support this simple yet suprisingly innovative program to help bee populations. It puts to use a previously overlooked public asset that is found absolutely everywhere, and will help counter the harmful effects (to bees) of the monocultures that we've favored in the United States. Thank you. Walker Stevenson	Stevenson	Walker	Beekeeper	

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New York	wildlife corridors benefit not only insects a, and animals but people also	szur	ralph	Beekeeper	
New York	This is such a simple, economical way to promote ecosystem health it should receive universal support but, hopefully, it receives support enough.	Tibbs	Gareth	Scientist/Researcher	
New York	Lets put these spaces to better use.	Wheelock	Melissa	Beekeeper	
New York	Across the country areas alongside roads and highways are a habitat for many species and plants. They add beauty to the road. It's a win-win.	wilson	nan	naturalist and artist	
North Carolina	as far as time goes, the state has plenty of that to take a little time to get involved with this program. if funding is an issue, that's a crock. we need this for the environment more than most state workers need a free ride to work. please consider. thanks	Baxley	Christopher	Beekeeper	tax payer
North Carolina	This is a great opportunity to improve food access and food security for all, people and pollinators alike!	Capacetti	Karla	Scientist/Researcher , Beekeeper, graduate student, MS Sustainable Food Systems	
North Carolina	More than one third of what we eat is the result of honey bees. They and our native pollinators have lost too much forage-able habitat. This is something we can do that can have an immediate and highly beneficial impact, while improving highway beautification. Too much is at stake. Please act in this small but substantial way. Every bit helps.	Davidson	James	Beekeeper	
North Carolina	great idea and certainly will help the bees recover IF YOU BAN MONSANTO ROUNDUP AND ALL OTHER GLYPHOSATE's made by BAYER, DuPONT and other poison death dealers. isn't it time we took big agro out of the picture since they are the cause of this to begin with? People DON'T want GMO foods why keep trying to force them on us by killing bees, destroying all the natural fruits and veggies in favor of crap created in the lab that has BEEN PROVEN not to work In fact the corn borer which GMO corn was engineered to prevent actually prefers GMO corn to natural corn so how has this helped us?	deneve	raymond	Beekeeper, organic farmer	
North Carolina	Honey bee's and the monarch butterfly are both losing out on habitat every day due land development and pesticides.	Driggers	Marvin	Beekeeper	
North Carolina	Please help our Bees!	Fox	Sue	Beekeeper	Beekeeper

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North Carolina	Bee Die offs seem to be getting worse, and the bees need a wide variety of pollen and nectar during all seasons of the years. Road sides are a great place to increase this food,	Griffith	David	Beekeeper	
North Carolina	Our pollinators have suffered in recent years. This is a brilliant way to help them out. It's also less expensive than hiring landscape crews to continually mow lawns ... wildflowers reseed themselves and are low maintenance. They also use less natural resources.	Hall	Cyndi	Person who cares about the earth	
North Carolina	Excellent idea!!!! Provides pollinator forage while reducing mowing costs and beautifies the landscape.	hanel	jack	Beekeeper, bee inspector	
North Carolina	we NEED this in every town and community!! Stop spraying around the roads-highways ASAP...start growing a food source that restores the beauty and diversity in every comunity. Less mowing and NO chemicals means LESS \$\$ we will spends. That is a huge win win for all!	Hanks	Marty	Beekeeper	
North Carolina	Bees are critical to everyone's life. All efforts must be made to preserve and protect them. This is a simple way to help these wonderful insects.	Hennessy	Cathy	Naturalist	
North Carolina	I have read with increasing alarm the concerns about the potentially disastrous decline in our bee population. I believe that this Bill is an EXCELLENT idea, & an example of the good work that government is capable of doing. I hope legislators can recognize the logic & wisdom in using our highway greenspaces to benefit the creatures that we need badly - but very rarely see.	Houston	Ann	citizen	
North Carolina	What a wonderful way to spend our tax dollars!	Kayser	Sally	Beekeeper	
North Carolina	Please use native plants in each state if possible. Thanks, Lenzie	Kinyon	Lenzie	Beekeeper	
North Carolina	We cannot live without bees.	Lapidus	Kristy	Aware Individual	
North Carolina	We have to support not just honey bees but all pollinators. What a great way to do this is with this bill. Please support this bill and support our ecosystem and environment.	Lee	Brian	Beekeeper	

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North Carolina	I have seen a big drop in native and honey bees over the past few years as well as butterflys. This year in particular there are very few swallowtails, fritillaries and so far no monarchs. It is very disturbing to see this decline. We need to do what we can to help these important pollinators, our future depends on it.	Lee	Sandy	gardner and environmental educator	
North Carolina	Thank you for thinking and planning for our pollinators	purcell	susan	Beekeeper	master gardener
North Carolina	We're losing our bees. I lost all my hives last year. Please help. Thank you.	Sanders	Francis	Beekeeper	
North Carolina	White clover spreads across my lawn but there are no bees buzzing among the honey scented flowers. My lawn is silent. Only a few carpenter bees try to pollinate the flowers and harvest nectar and pollen. The silence is ominous when I think of my vegetable garden in the back yard. Where are all the bees and other pollinators? Please, let's do all we can while we still have time. Thank you.	Schultz	Connie	Master Gardener	
North Carolina	Ending highway spraying would greatly benifit our honeybees and other pollinators.	Swafford	Mark	Beekeeper	
North Carolina	Pollinators are vital to our survival as a species.	Tyner	Benjamin		
North Dakota	If biotech Company's with their pesticides and chemicals don't kill them off first, they should have a fighting chance to make a come back. We need our bee's.	Fischer	Betty	bee lover	
North Dakota	We need honey bees.	Linseth	Clarine	Concerned US citizen.	
North Dakota	This is a very important act. This act is important in practical steps towards sustainability in regards to pollinators which pollinate our many fruits and vegetables.	Verhoek	Randell	Beekeeper	
Ohio	The above says it well. WHY mow these millions of acres at such a large expense when the number of times to mow can be significantly reduced AND at the same time provide food for bees, butterflies, and other pollinators. Let's DO IT!	Agsten	James	Beekeeper	
Ohio	Quit killing our pollinators!!!	Albaugh	Michael	Beekeeper	
Ohio	I definitely support planting more native flowering plants along highways and allowing such prairie flowers to grow thereby helping monarch butterflies, hummingbirds, honeybees, as well as native bees/pollinators. Let's get this done!	Baker	Justin	Beekeeper, concerned citizen	

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Ohio	This is vital for our society.	Baughman	Cheryl	Beekeeper	
Ohio	Need for more food sources for bees. To support and grow bee along with many other pollinators.	Becker	Richard	Beekeeper	
Ohio	Planting native plants and trees on government properties beyond ROWs without the uses of pesticides and herbicides will help butterflies, birds and bats to decrease the toxic chemicals thus introduced into the food chain also.	BENNER	linda		
Ohio	Please approve, helps bees, lowers costs of state DOT's!	Bernard	George A	Concerned Citizen	
Ohio	Not so sure I'm a beekeeper. Feel more like a bee care giver. Feeding, treating for diseases when necessary, treating for mites is never ending. Mostly due to loss of natural habitat, mono-crops, and weakness from bombardments of insecticides, fungicides and GMO crops. Please help the pollinators, look in front of the headlights to see what your actions may produce. Please, please don't make it harder than it already is for our pollinators, and other wildlife.	Bowman	Vickie	Beekeeper	
Ohio	<p>Have noticed over the years that highway maintenance has done away with all "weeds" along the increasingly large areas of side plantings. Milkweed is the only plant the Monarchs use for laying their eggs: there is no substitute!</p> <p>NY and OH make sure there is no visible milkweed, although PA seems to allow it to grow in the median strip (traveling from Ohio to NY through PA over 50 yrs).</p> <p>Please do LESS MOWING (ie, save money too) and LESS SPRAYING of RoudUp or whatever weedkiller is in use. We don't need highways to be like golf courses. Wild flowers and milkweed (many butterflies also use it for nectaring) would enhance our highways.</p> <p>Worldwide the entomologists are bemoaning the increased loss of insects. What will be next?? We can't afford to dismiss the evidence that there are diminished numbers of Monarchs as well as many others.</p>	Clemens	Julie	18-yr project in NE Ohio of monitoring butterflies	Ohio Lep Monitoring Project

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Ohio	For some years my good friend, a local beekeeper, has informed her acquaintances of the many distressing changes that are negatives for the world and US bee population. Although her role is 'hands-on," I share her concern of the immediate and longterm danger to these most vital insects that support our very lives.	Clous	Patricia		
Ohio	It makes so much sence to use native plants that we don't have to pay for fuel and man time to mow.	Cotterman	Rebecca	Beekeeper	
Ohio	We need pollinator habitat. No bees means no food.	Cree	Chris	Beekeeper	
Ohio	This is just common sense. Save our pollinators!	Decker	Justine	Beekeeper	
Ohio	Please help us in our struggle to find adequate food for all pollinators. Not only would this help all pollinators, but it would have money on mowing all those highways!	Egloff	Amanda	Beekeeper	
Ohio	Give our bees and butterflies a chance. Thank you!	Emerson	Bridgett	Tourist and past resident	
Ohio	I want to preserve and improve the environment for my children and grandchildren.	Fete	Lynn	concerned citizen	individual
Ohio	We need to cut the costs of mowing our highways and biways as well as providing forage for our polinators including honeybees. Not to mention that the flowers will beautify our highways, biways, towns and cities across this great country. If you have ever been to or seen photos of Europe they grow flowers in an abundance everywhere why shouldn't we here in this great country have such beauty for all to see?	Flippen	Kimberly	Beekeeper	
Ohio	We must take action to protect our pollinators NOW!! not later!	Freeman	Hazel	Beekeeper	
Ohio	This is an amazing, easy way to make such a significant impact for the pollinators that we so desperately need. It has many great benefits to the citizens of this state.	Griggs	Andria		
Ohio	Please pass this bill.	Hahn	Eileen	Beekeeper	
Ohio	What a great idea! The next place to create incentives for using are the undeveloped lands under utility lines !	Heinrichs	Karen	Beekeeper, Science Teacher	
Ohio	This is very important to both Beekeepers & Bees	Hoopes	Ron	Beekeeper	
Ohio	I am concerned about the bees and our world.	Koenig	Frances		
Ohio	Save yourselves the trouble of mowing and plant some flowers!	Kulhanek	Ashley	Agricultural Agent	

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Ohio	Tax people for huge mowed lawns. Give tax breaks for those who let wild flowers and local indigenous land cover grow. Stop all pesticides that are outlawed in Europe that are known killers of bees. Get serious, this is a good start, but gets you nowhere without tackling big Agriculture businesses that use this chemicals, and now even the smallest farmer uses them regularly.	Lariccia	Debra	Beekeeper	
Ohio	There has to be better uses for limited funds than cutting grass and weeds along highways.	lennon	John	Beekeeper	
Ohio	I have heard of the success that counties are having in West Virginia and the true cost savings they are experiencing while benefiting pollinators. I don't feel I can argue against something that saves money and, truly, helps everyone by increasing farm productivity and making the world a more beautiful place.	Lloyd	Mary Ann	learning to beekeep	
Ohio	Please save the monarch migration and all other pollinators. Ohio dept of transportation has already begun to plant milkweed.	Manning	Karla	Waystation owner	
Ohio	When our pollinators die, where will we get our food? This bill is a great solution to a growing problem.	McCarthy	Kelly		
Ohio	I support the bill since I am a beekeeper and am concerned about their health and future, as well as our own future!	Merrill	Willard	Beekeeper	
Ohio	We need our honey bees. One third of our vital food crops depend on the pollenating that bees do for us.	Meyer	Deborah	gardenerand friend of Earth	
Ohio	We need to begin to protect our food sources better. What happening in our gov't seems criminal! If they continue turning a blind eye to these issues people will suffer more than they are aware of now.	Miller	Linda	Beekeeper	Ohio Beekeeper
Ohio	Save Money and the Environment!	Moats	Nichole	Beekeeper	
Ohio	Anything that can strengthen the bee population is important!	Neuger	Judy	Beekeeper	
Ohio	HR 4790 is a win-win bill. Save money and protect pollinators.	Phillips	Perry	Beekeeper	Phillips Apiary
Ohio	Please do something to help the honey bees. It is vital to our existence. Thank you.	Riopelle	Russell	Beekeeper	
Ohio	Without our little winged Friends we will approach a cycle of life that will not be sustaining for us or anything else. HELP>	Robinson	lynne	Beekeeper	Trumbull Co. Beekeepers Assoc.

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Ohio	I think both sides of the aisle can agree that bees and other pollinators are threatened and need our help.	Rose	Lois	volunteer	Master Gardener, OSU Extensionion
Ohio	More habitat, lfewer resources wasted on mowing efforts-- Why wouldn't I support it?	Sarikonda	Candy	citizen scientist	
Ohio	We need pollinators to make food so we can live. It is our duty to help them.	Schmidt	Kim	teacher	
Ohio	This is a perfect way to use our tax dollars for something beneficial for the entire country. Saving our pollinators is important and this would be an easy way to help with that.	Seale	Karen	organic gardener and concerned citizen	
Ohio	I am deeply concerned with the decrease of pollinators visible in my yard. Also I only saw one monarch last year. I keep milkweed in a corner of my yard just for them. The problem is only getting worse and worse. Harvard now says it's nicotinoids, a insecticide, so we know where to focus, but it's a long battle back, I think, so we need to do all we can.	stokes	Becky		
Oklahoma	Beneficial weeds in fields are systematically killed by herbicides sprayed on "Roundup-Ready" crops. This reduces forage for native pollinators, butterflies, bats, and habitat diversity in general. These beneficial insects and animals depend on non-agricultural land for survival. Birds eat the insects and feed them to their young. Our Oklahoma bird, the Scissortailed Flycatcher, uses fields and right of ways, perching on fence rows or wires. Decreased mowing of right-of-ways seems like a win-win for everyone. NOTE: in Oklahoma, mowing is important to control the Eastern Red Cedar! A couple of times a year is adequate for that; once after summer drought hits, and again in December or January, to give the wildflowers a chance to get established for spring.	Burns	Patricia Gayle	Beekeeper	

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Oklahoma	<p>We live near a major corridor in south Tulsa, OK and our bees struggle to find available resources. With the addition of the highway ROW's this could certainly have a very positive impact while reducing the costs for maintaining these properties for the local management team.</p> <p>Please support this bill!</p> <p>Thank you, Cara Hathaway</p>	Hathaway	Cara	Beekeeper	
Oregon	<p>I'm a citizen concerned about the decline in pollinators, their many environmental threats and decreased habitat/ forage.</p>	Berg	H		
Oregon	<p>This is an excellent idea. I just wish we could grow food for humans as well as pollinators on more government lands.</p> <p>Thank you, Jeff Clark Oregon</p>	clark	Jeff	Beekeeper	
Oregon	<p>What a great idea!!! Not a good world if we don't have our bees, bats and butterflies. Thanks to all who are working to make this happen.</p>	Danese	Karen		
Oregon	<p>Please make the counties stop spraying roadsides with round up and other nasty herbicides.</p>	Duvall	Mary		
Oregon	<p>This is such a simple but tremendously effective way to help vulnerable pollinators by restoring the habitat they so desperately need. Everybody comes out ahead; how many times does that happen when legislation is involved?</p>	Farris	Patti		
Oregon	<p>Very Important we do this.</p>	Fee	Becky	Beekeeper	
Oregon	<p>Improving habitat in every way possible to ensure the survival and re-population of all types of pollinators is essential for both the agricultural and non-agricultural plant world, without which the earth as we now know it is not possible.</p>	French	Curtis	Beekeeper, home gardener and orchardist	
Oregon	<p>Thank-you for your work in supporting this progressive piece of legislation.</p>	Goodwin	Kelly	Beekeeper	

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Oregon	We depend on bees more than John Q and Jane Q Public knows! Stop pesticide use and all states and individuals in general should plant bee forage in all roadside areas! It's such a small thing.	Haske	Mims	past and future beekeeper	
Oregon	Can't have a good garden without the bees. Lots we couldn't eat without the bees.	Hockley	Phyllis	Gardener	
Oregon	Please do the right thing!	Holbrook	Pamela		
Oregon	I am a life long beekeeper and realize that native pollinators as well as honey bees need all the habitat they can get. Also it will reduce spraying herbicides.	Hunt	Katharine	Beekeeper	President, Lane County Beekeepers Association
Oregon	We don't have much time to save the bees.	Lefever	Kristina	very concerned citizen	
Oregon	Please stop using pesticides that kill bees and butterflies. Just instead grow milkweed and blackberries or anything that will attract bees and butterflies.	Locklear	Teresa	Community member	
Oregon	this is an excellent step in helping restore balance.	moore	jennifer	Beekeeper, concerned citizen	
Oregon	When baby bees are born dead and dying we need to do something. These creatures need our help.	Morrison	Nina	Concerned citizen	
Oregon	This would be a fantastic step for pollinator conservation! Since this kind of habitat is no longer available near most agricultural environments, using highways as areas for planting pollinator plants would be a wonderful way to provide forage for these species. This will be beneficial monetarily, biologically and socially. Please make this happen.	Parreira	Stephanie	Scientist/Researcher	Oregon State University
Oregon	I worked with beekeeper, Nick Vancalcar (Vancalcar Apiaries) For a little over two years. During this time, I learn many wonderful facts about bees. I developed a new love. Honey Bees.	Roy	Jessica	Bee Lover	
Oregon	The letter spells it out: This act "significantly reduces mowing and maintenance costs for State DOTs, and helps create habitat, forage and migratory corridors that will contribute to the health of honey bees, monarch butterflies and other native pollinators, as well as ground nesting birds and other small wildlife."	Scher	Judy	Beekeeper	Lane County Beekeepers

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Oregon	Lets manage our non-cropland more smartly to help monarchs and other forms of biodiversity that may be at increased danger due to the spread of urbanization, agriculture, and increasingly efficient conventional agricultural weed control.	Strauss	Steven	Scientist/Researcher	Oregon State University
Pennsylvania	We must reverse the trend of habitat loss to pollinators of all kinds, bees and butterflies included. This is a common sense measure that will save states money by reducing mowing bills (gas,labor, chemicals) while improving the diversity of flowering species for the ones who need it most.	Bonifacino	Carin	Beekeeper	
Pennsylvania	If the bees go, than so go we.	Breslin	Andrew	Concerned Earthling	
Pennsylvania	It is not just bees that will benefit from this act. Farmers are allowing less and less fallow land. Also along highways there is always grass between mediums. I understand some grass for fire suppression but native flowers can be allowed down center strips. If the land was tilled then maybe local groups could plant seeds in accordance with lists of plants allowed. Thank you. Susan Carmalt	Carmalt	Susan	Beekeeper	
Pennsylvania	Increasing native plants, supporting pollinators, reducing highway maintenance costs -- triple win-win-win!!!	Castellan	James	Beekeeper	Self
Pennsylvania	Fear for our environment	Coleman	Paula	Friend of beekeeper and lover of environment. Report monarch sightings to Journey North	
Pennsylvania	this is quite reasonable and beneficial. Do it!	Cumpston	Darin	supporter	
Pennsylvania	I would like to see more floral plantings along our highways for beautification and the honeybees to feed on. Also plantings of milkweed for the Monarchs.	Edwards	Monika	Consumer that loves honeybees and Monarch butterflies	
Pennsylvania	Need more and better Habitat	Fetrow	George	Beekeeper	
Pennsylvania	Thanks for this initiative to help our pollinator population!!!	Gamble	Carrie	Environmentalist	Individual

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<p>Pennsylvania</p>	<p>I started "Planet Friendly Solutions" - a non - profit organization to work on pollinator corridor here, in our region of PA. We have been aware of the loss of natural habitat for pollinators and even considered the almost limitless expanse of roads a perfect artery of positive change. we formed our organization to enhance existing parks, trails and open space and would welcome the oppotunity to assist you in any endeavor with pollinators in mind. We are convassing local beeking clubs and garden centers in our area to support this bill. our goal is to pass pur planet to future generations in better, helthier shape than we got it.</p>	<p>Goedeke</p>	<p>Christopher</p>	<p>founder, Planet Friendly Solutions</p>	<p>founder, Planet Friendly Solutions</p>
<p>Pennsylvania</p>	<p>I love wildflowers and wild nature, and feel pain whatching how fast it is shrinking. When have you seen a bee last time? This is a great Act, it will help to create corridors for native pollinators, wildlife. It reduces pesticides/herbicides usage, costs for mowing, maintenance. Planting pollinators friendly wild flowers, trees, shrubs native to your state along the roads will show people the beauty of their own state, which is in most places pushed too far away from their sight. The loss of natural habitat for pollinators (bees especially) is a problem on a National scale, and this Act is a part of a solution, great initiative I actively support. Next places to look at - vast territories of lawns on schools, colleges, universities, other state properties, which are mowed (consider cost, air pollution, noise!) with pesticides, herbicides regularly, polluting ground and water, destroying natural habitat for pollinators and other wildlife. I hope this Act will help to turn people's minds to preserving the places they live in so we could pass the beaty of our planet to future generations.</p>	<p>Goedeke</p>	<p>Lidia</p>	<p>Caring citizen</p>	
<p>Pennsylvania</p>	<p>increasing the bee population is critical to ensuring adequate crop yields. Bees are critical in the success of local farms and individual gardens.</p>	<p>Goetz</p>	<p>Neil</p>	<p>Beekeeper</p>	
<p>Pennsylvania</p>	<p>As a Penn State Master Gardener and husband a beekeep, please do all we can to save our pollinators!!!!</p>	<p>Hayburn</p>	<p>Pat</p>	<p>Beekeeper</p>	<p>MG</p>

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Pennsylvania	It's a waste of tax payer money and resources to mow Highways. Trees and plants and flowers should be planted for pollinators. Thank You, Christina Intemann Indiana, Pa	Intemann	Christina	Beekeeper	
Pennsylvania	All pollinators need a hand. It's a win-win for all involved!	Leandri	Susan	Beekeeper	
Pennsylvania	We need to take action to save our pollinators. This bill helps pollinators, helps persons with respiratory diseases, lowers costs for state highway programs and beautifies our roads. What's not to like?	Lehman	Loretta	Preservationist/Audubon member	
Pennsylvania	Thank you for this opportunity!	Lyons	Randy	Tree hugger	Concerned individual
Pennsylvania	we need bees to pollinate our fruits & veggies	manz	larene	food lover	
Pennsylvania	This proposed amendment is a "win-win-win" in that it: 1) will reduce costs of mowing for willing State's DOT's; 2) Reduce the carbon emissions created by mowing, and; 3) Most importantly, it will provide habitat and forage for our pollinators on whom we heavily rely for upwards of 30% of our food supply. Loss of habitat and poor nutrition are two of the biggest contributing factors in the drastic declines we are seeing in pollinator populations. Please support this program!	McMichael	John	Beekeeper	
Pennsylvania	This makes sense financially and Ecologically.	miller	ryan		
Pennsylvania	It is an all around win-win proposition.	Moisset	Beatriz	Scientist/Researcher	Retired
Pennsylvania	Save the native bees. We need them more than we realize.	Moisset	Beatriz	Scientist/Researcher	
Pennsylvania	We need wild pollinators and wild pollinators need habitat. Pollinator habitat also benefits other important and necessary creatures, such as biocontrols which can reduce our dependence on pesticides. This is a win-win situation.	Moisset	Beatriz	Scientist/Researcher	Retired

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Pennsylvania	I think PAs highways are so ugly - MD is pretty with the wildflowers, and the Dakotas plant crops along the highways. Grass is a waste - high maintenance and might as well be a desert as far as the bees are concerned. Cindy	Neel	Cindy	Beekeeper	Home beekeeper
Pennsylvania	We have witnessed the dramatic reduction of the honey bees here in SE Pennsylvania.	Northrop	Jack	Beekeeper, Butterfly gardens	
Pennsylvania	Pollinators need forage. Creating habitat from neglected or un-farmable land supports ecosystems, however small and provide corridors for migration for animals such as monarch butterflies. It is also possible that the visibility of these areas along highways and paths will encourage travelers to be mindful of pollinators.	Rajan	Vidya	Scientist/Researcher , Beekeeper	
Pennsylvania	We should be using the 17 million acres along our roads and highways to improve pollinator habitat!	Robertson	Gregg	Green Industry	Conewago Ventures
Pennsylvania	This is a great opportunity to do the right thing. Thanks!	RUTHKOSKY	FRANCIS	Beekeeper	
Pennsylvania	This is a good plan that has merit and should be implemented.	Saylor	Barry	Concerned	
Pennsylvania	The health of our planet and our food supply depends on the survival of our pollinators. Please support this bill.	Seeberger	Diane	Concerned Citizen	
Pennsylvania	This change is greatly needed.	shepler	debra	Beekeeper	
Pennsylvania	I support this bill because of it's significant benefits for humans and wildlife.	Sprenkle	Bill	Beekeeper	
Pennsylvania	So many ornamental flowers have been bred to omit scent and nectar in our gardens that only native "weeds" are still available for the pollinators. Please help to preserve these organisms. by using highway islands and berms for these plants	Sweeney	Sandra	teacher	
Pennsylvania	This bill will help support vanishing native habitat needed for monarchs, honey bees, and other pollinators.	Watkins	Harry	Beekeeper	
Pennsylvania	We've lost 5 hives due to neighbors spraying neonicitinates. Lawn services are using them too. This will reduce pesticides and encourage beauty and much needed help for our bees.	Weidner	Christine	Beekeeper	
Pennsylvania	A wonderful, inexpensive way to support our stressed wildlife such as bees, butterflies, bats, and birds.	Weiss	Jo	Beekeeper	

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Pennsylvania	Please give our pollinators the help they need to survive. Our roadways are perfect places to help them.	Wilder	Joyce	Beekeeper	
South Carolina	If the bees go extinct, so do we.	Campbell	Jesse	Bee Survival Activist	
South Carolina	We all need to support bees to reduce their declining numbers.	Coble	James	Beekeeper	
South Carolina	We can make a big difference by being selective of what we plant in common ground. Also, rather than planting a hybrid pear, i.e., why not plant one that bears fruit? It is free food! and the bees and wasps and other creatures benefit. We must stop thinking humans are the only ones that matter when we do things for aesthetic reasons only.	Linkowski	Kendra	Beekeeper	
South Carolina	So important to start understanding that we don't need all these chemicals and the "pretty" plants to be managed on roadsides and highways. Saves Money and pollinators.	Sullivan	Cheryl	Beekeeper	
South Dakota	Just was talking about this same idea with a co worker. Glad to see that it is all ready out there. This is a great idea.	meyer	jonathan	Beekeeper	
Tennessee	Need more wild flowers and plants which are being destroyed.	Coupe	Robert	Beekeeper	
Tennessee	Please pass this bill. It will save state's money by reducing mowing and maintenance costs. It will help the bees and Monarch butterflies and other native pollinators as well as other small wildlife. Thank you.	Farris	Amanda	individual	
Tennessee	I've always felt mowing highway right of ways a huge waste of tax dollars that could be much better used elsewhere. My bees & I strongly support this bill!	Grainger	James	Beekeeper	
Tennessee	Mowing and spraying have killed so many of our native plants and wildflowers needed for our native bees and butterflies. It needs to stop. Plus think of the fuel saved each year by not mowing the right of ways so often.	Grider	Kay	Gardener	
Tennessee	At last!! Saving the pollinators should be a priority.!!!	Haase	Helen	Scientist/Researcher	

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Tennessee	pollinators are so important to plants fruiting for humans and wildlife. pollinators need a safe place to live and procreate, and the extra habitat from highways is important to replace habitat lost to development--plus less mowing and maintenance costs.	Hayes	Trina	native plant rescuer and gardener	native plant enthusiast
Tennessee	I know the farmer needs to use the bush hog to keep his cattle grazing clean for more cattle forage. to help the wildlife the bush hog eliminated.maybe planting the roadsides with natural flora will help a lot of wildlife.	Knight	Clayton	Beekeeper, small homestead farmer	
Tennessee	It is a wasted of fuel and money to constantly mow the sides of the roads. Just a little planning and the right plants would benefit everybody as well as help our pollinators.	Lesko	Lisa	Beekeeper	
Tennessee	It is such a small thing to do and it can have such impact. It only makes sense. Thanks	Lillard	Connie	Beekeeper	Cookeville Beekeepers
Tennessee	fewer and fewer bees to pollinate my crops, yields and getting small. Help!	Lockie	Lynne	vegetable gardener	
Tennessee	Congress really needs to get off their duff and do something more than fight with each other.	Lopere	Richard	Beekeeper	
Tennessee	Honey bees are responsible for 1/3 of every bite you take during your meals. One out of three fork/spoonfuls a honey bee had something to do with it.	Mathis	Brian	Beekeeper	BeeKeeper
Tennessee	I cannot think of one negative thing about this bill, it seems like a win-win situation all around.	McDearman	L	Farmer	
Tennessee	I'm originally from Texas and the roadways are left to flower for pollinators. It looks beautiful to drive through when all the wildflowers are blooming.	Parker	Yvonne	Beekeeper	
Tennessee	Please help the honeybee. Our lives depend on them.	Rhees	Julia	Beekeeper	
Tennessee	Choosing appropriate species to create good habitat is important, but maintenance should restrict mowing to maximize bloom and avoid any chemical sprays. Publicizing the successes of this bill will encourage private landowners to follow its direction and provide even more habitat for bees and pollinators.	Scanlon	Lucy	Gardener	TennesseeValleyWildOnes
Tennessee	We must save our pollinators, especially honey bees. It's the morally correct thing to do.	Williams	Randal	Beekeeper	

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Texas	Our highways here in Texas need to be maintained at the proper times to help the pollinators we have. Where I live they let the grass get so tall in the late winter/early spring that when the wildflowers start blooming they come then to mow it all down. That leaves nothing to pollinate and kills the plants chance to reseed.	Adams	Pam	member of npsot	
Texas	Help our pollinators.	Barron	Diana	Home Gardner	
Texas	This is a great idea for our ecosystem and is a bipartisan effort. Please do this for the good of all animals including us.	Benoit	Pam		
Texas	Will we really be able to offset the harm of GMOs by planting some pretty flowers? I guess ever little bit helps.	Bradbury	Tricia	Gardener, friend of the environment	
Texas	I strongly support necessity to encourage pollinators and to corral use of insecticides. I have a M.S. degree in Science from University of Texas at Arlington, specializing in Life Sciences, especially Botany and Ornithology. I do my best on my own property, but without overall general use of pollinator encouraging practices, my effort amounts to a drop in a huge bucket.	Burgen	Julia	Scientist/Researcher	
Texas	kill the bees, kill the food, STOP killing bees	Byrd	Deb		
Texas	Please hear us!	Crone	Jane		
Texas	Native vegetation is the foundation of all terrestrial food webs and healthy pollinators are key to healthy vegetation. Let's fill every available space with pollinator plants, in this way the landscape will be both more beautiful and more ecologically useful.	Cynthia	McAlister	Scientist/Researcher , citizen scientist	
Texas	agriculture of all kinds depends on bees and other pollinators. We depend on ag products for survival.	Dunne	Annette	caring about survival	

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Texas	I've seen a lot of wildflowers along the roadways this spring due to favorable rains in my area of north Texas. Some of them I have never even seen before. Sadly, I have seen very few butterflies and even fewer honeybees pollinating the flowers. As the grasses continues to grow taller, I keep expecting to see the mowers come along and mow it all down. Don't let that happen! Many of these wildflowers are rare and in bloom and need more time to complete their life cycles and drop new seed for a future generation. Please consider this important issue to save our natural environment. Thank you	Garza	Stephen	Farmer	
Texas	Public health and environmental health are intimately and inextricably linked. Take care of the environment, and you reduce public health problems/expenditures. That simple.	Gill	Richard	Healthcare Professional	
Texas	Please beautify our highways with appropriate habitat plantings that encourage pollination and diversity in the flora and fauna.	Henderson	John	Beekeeper	
Texas	I think this is a very worth wile idea!!	Henley	Van	Beekeeper	
Texas	Any effort to landscape with plants that are beneficial to pollinators is worthwhile	Howard	Scott	community gardener, farmer	Urban Harvest
Texas	This legislation offers cost effective,long term methods of enhancing and protecting essential pollinator habitat.	Hubert	Ruth	Educator	
Texas	I support this because I know for a fact that pollinators are suffering from many different factors, such as habitat loss, pesticides, toxins, and more. If we can help bees and monarchs, we should!	Hurtado	Califia	Family of beekeeper and very worried about the current state of our nation's pollinators.	
Texas	I think planting habitat for bees and other beneficial insects is a worthy and necessary goal. If water is to be used to keep them alive it should be serving multiple purposes.	Kerr-Pankonien	Michelle		hobby beekeeper,

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Texas	This topic is so critical! With habitat destruction continuing at an alarming rate, we must find areas that will support native pollinators! I teach vegetable gardening and always teach my students the importance of having a native planting area near the garden in order to insure pollination of their vegetable and fruit tree crops! And their ornamental flower gardens.	LaChance	Christina	environmental educator	
Texas	Please do the simple and RIGHT thing for our country and our planet.	LeMay	Steven	Concerned resident of the planet.	
Texas	Please consider this important legislation which not only makes economic sense but helps the environment in such a meaningful way.	Long	Terri	voter	
Texas	This bill makes sense for the insects, the plants, the planet and the people.	Maeckle	Monika	pollinator advocate	
Texas	Butterflies - Bees - are GOOD !!! People Can Help the GOOD that Help the World. It's the RIGHT THING. Ray Martin	Martin	Ray	Arborist	
Texas	In just the two-plus years that we have been raising and tagging Monarch butterflies we have noticed a drastic and alarming decline. This decline includes other species of butterflies and other pollinators. Every time I see wildflowers mowed down I cringe. I would be gratified to see this legislation passed. Thank you.	Melton	Desha	Pollinator advocate and have front and back yard wildscaped. We also raise butterflies.	
Texas	4 years ago I heard about the Colony Collapse Disorder; as Humans and supposedly high intelligent creatures; we need to protect all that is natural of this world. I am doing my share by gardening organically, and planting native plants to feed the pollinators. No more miracle crap or weed and feed in my small lawn! I also have a monarch grow patch. We humans destroy almost everything we put our hands into, but we do not help construct it back.	MEZQUITI	Silvia	Beekeeper, Nature concerned citizen	
Texas	Stimulate the growth and health of pollinators for the good of our food source and our world.	Mitchell	Ann	Citizen scientist for Monarch Butterflies	
Texas	This is a win/win. Less expense to the taxpayer and more production for nearby farmers and ranchers. Please consider supporting this bill.	Morse	Harry	Beekeeper	

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Texas	This is a step in the right direction!	Ramon	Blair	Scientist/Researcher , Beekeeper	
Texas	I am from Texas and we KNOW that this works, but it needs to be implemented more widely in Texas and ALL states. It saves money, promotes tourism, protects our water and soil, protects the diversity of native plant and animal species, and will help preserve the amazing migration of Monarch butterflies. Insects may seem small and insignificant, but they are a mighty force in nature. We CANNOT WAIT to protect our pollinators. Please DO SOMETHING, Congress, and pass HR 4790 the Highways BEE Act. Thank you.	Salzman	Susan		
Texas	This incisive step would be a tremendous help to pollinators.	Sheila	Armitage	Beekeeper	
Texas	The world is a gift and it is our duty as human beings to protect it and all the creatures that live here. We need the pollinators, they are here for a reason.	Smith	Amber	soon to be Beekeeper	
Texas	any reduction of herbicide spraying by gov. agencies would benefit bees and reduce costs.	Stern	Ben	Beekeeper	
Texas	Before commercial fertilizers became popular many farmers used clover to enrich their soil. Clover was grown commercially for seed. Clover seed as it was being taken to market would be spilled along most public highways. As a result the spilled seed would grow along the highways and make excellent bee forage. A Texas beekeeper could do very well with his bees just by placing them along Texas highways. Those days are long gone but it would be a beekeepers dream to see those highways blooming again with something live sweet clover.	Stroope	Jerry	Beekeeper	

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Texas	<p>At long last! Hurray!</p> <p>The Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center in Austin, the Texas Department of Transportation, and the Austin American Statesman have successfully run a campaign accepting donations to sow native plant seeds in the medians and ROW of highways around Austin. It's beautiful and beneficial. Our neighborhood association asked TXDOT to sow native wildflower seeds on a job they did connecting our neighborhood street to a Farm Road.</p> <p>It's done at the neighborhood and local scale, we can certainly do it at a national scale! Yay!</p>	Trevino	Laurel	Scientist/Researcher , Environmental Educator/Activist	The University of Texas at Austin
Texas	<p>As a beekeeper, parent, and healthcare provider, I believe that addressing the loss of habitat and the excessive use of toxins through legislation such as the Highways BEE Act is a step in the right direction to allow our vital pollinators to thrive.</p> <p>We as a nation cannot afford the economic and environmental costs of continuing to decimate our pollinator populations.</p>	Vinson	Barbara	Beekeeper, organic gardner	
Texas	<p>I support this bill and believe that it would greatly help our nation's pollinators, which are invaluable for maintaining food security and healthy, sustainable ecosystems.</p>	Woodard	Hollis	Scientist/Researcher	UT-Austin
Texas	<p>We have very successful highway wildflower programs in Texas, and it would do wonders to help the bees by devoting even more acreage to a biodiverse array of plants that will also reduce costs to taxpayers.</p>	Wunsch	Cynthia	individual	
Utah	<p>We and the bees need all the help we can and they can get.</p>	Clements	William	Beekeeper	
Utah	<p>Won't someone think of the children .. I mean BEES!</p>	Howlett	James	Human	
Utah	<p>I am a member of Salt Lake City Mayor Ralph Becker's bicycle committee. We, as a city want more bicycle lanes to keep the cyclist safe from traffic. One of the proposals is to place planter boxes between the bike lanes and the other traffic. It would be really wonderful if we could fill those boxes with bee friendly plants.</p>	Hunsaker	Denise	Beekeeper	Secretary Greater Salt Lake Beekeepers
Utah	<p>The honey bee faces many threats. One of the most severe is lack of forage. This is compounded by people (especially highway maintenance crews) who spray pesticides and herbicides on blooming plants.</p>	Nay	Blaine	Beekeeper	hobby beekeeper

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Utah	Please support this legislation. It will improve the beauty of our roads and ensure that our pollinators prosper.	Poppe	Matthew	Scientist/Researcher , Beekeeper	
Vermont	As a hobbyist beekeeper, I am planting a couple of acres of sunflowers and wildflowers as well. It is costly to do it alone. It would be great to see large spots of wildflowers and other nectar or pollen plants along highways AND reduce costs and carbon foot print as well, by not having to mow often.	ACKER	SYLVIANE	Beekeeper	
Vermont	Save our pollinators! Thank you.	Bodin	John	Beekeeper	
Vermont	Thank you for supporting this common sense approach to supporting pollinator health.	Conrad	Ross	Beekeeper	Dancing Bee Gardens
Vermont	The 17 million ha composing our nation's ROW represent low cost, low management species conservation area. Integrated vegetation management would further beautify our highways while supporting pollination; a valuable ecosystem function that directly impacts the stability of our food systems.	Nicholson	Charles	Scientist/Researcher	University of Vermont
Vermont	Because pollinators, and especially native pollinators are important for both agriculture and biodiversity.	Safavi	Nina		
Vermont	Ensuring pollinator health ensures the health of everything that depends on pollinators: plants (pollinators ensure sexual reproduction!), animals (without pollination, fruits and seeds would not be produced which would affect all animals that rely on them for food), and humans (over 1/3 of our food comes directly from the pollination acts of bees alone). It's simple, economical, and ecologically sound to have native flowering plants along highways: great source of nutrition for pollinating bees, butterflies and hummingbirds, great source of visual beauty for humans racing by, great potential source of biodiversity (enriching the soil with microbes and nutrients). The absolute worst use of land, from ecological and economic principles, is to plant it in grass. What we are proposing is simple and, quite simply, right.	Young	Helen	Scientist/Researcher	Middlebury College

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Virginia	This bill is needed to aid our food chain in the long run, Without the pollinators, experts estimate a great loss in farm output. Little cost. What a no-brainer. Please GET IT DONE ASAP. Thank you.	Babcock	Daniel	Beekeeper	
Virginia	As a gardener and enjoyer of nature, I believe we should take what steps we can to protect wildlife and our habitat (even in the urban environment). However, as an American who worries about paying bills and putting food on the table, I'd like to see us take action now to protect our important pollinators rather than wait until a crisis point that threatens our affordable food supply in this nation.	Blanscett	Joye		
Virginia	My husband and I always mention how sad it is our roadsides are barren of wild flowers, I hope this passes!!!	Brandstetter	Shannon	Beekeeper	
Virginia	Good effort. If some state DOTs used white and yellow clover seeds (again) instead of red clover seeds it would be greatly beneficial to bees as the bees don't utilize the red variety.	Brandstetter	Timo	Beekeeper	
Virginia	Honey Bees and pollinators need all the help they can get to survive. Thank you!	Bugnacki	Steve	Beekeeper	
Virginia	The planting and cutting of grass along the highways creates work as regular mowing is needed. Planting flowers and plants native to the area will provide food and resources for bees and other beneficial insects while cutting down on the need to mow.	Burk	Amy	Beekeeper	
Virginia	Well the way I see it the EPA has created this mess by allowing the chemical Co.'s to have free reign to place just about any kind of chemical on the mkt. The public buys this stuff thinking its safe having no concept of the damage its doing to the environment our bees and other insects, which in turn the birds and small animals that feed on the insects are subject to die. not to even mention the problems its causing for people in sickness. So I feel the least the gov. can do is to try to help fix the problem .	Carl Smith	Carl	Beekeeper	Highlands Beekeepers Association

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Virginia	This is important for preserving/protecting pollinators, in particular those that migrate and all are in need of more protected forage. Pollinators are vital to preserving plant life and to all -- humans and animals -- for whom their work in propigating crops and producing foods is key to survival.	Christie	K.M.	Communications Firm	
Virginia	Please do whatever it takes to protect our pollinators.	Conklin	Susan	Environmental Advocate	
Virginia	Pollinators need help across the country, and making good use of available land for enriched habitat while simultaneously saving precious resources in labor, time, and fuel, and greenhouse gas emissions by eliminating mowing makes good fiscal sense as well. There is no time to lose!	De Rosa-Joynt	Barbara		
Virginia	please consider delaying mowing of medians and sides of roads	deprado	shannon		
Virginia	I support this measure for the simple fact that it will provide bees with another source of pollen and nectar.	Doubler	James	Beekeeper	
Virginia	Our pollinator species need special protection - they hold the world's food supply in their proboscises!	Ellis	Amy		
Virginia	We have to do everything we can to protect our pollinator species! Our food supply depends on them!	Ellis	Amy		
Virginia	This bill will be a great way to increase the natural habitat of our pollinators and save some money for the tax payers. I think this is a marvelous endeavor and I concur whole heartedly.	Firek	Bob	Beekeeper	
Virginia	My plants aren't being properly pollinated! I have not seen bees in my yard and I am worried for everyone!!	Fries	Laura	gardener	
Virginia	Pollinator support is essential to LIFE on this planet!	Funderburk	JudyB	Master Gardener	
Virginia	Our pollinators need all the help they can get! This will provide habitat and cut down on maintenance costs. It's an obvious great step in the right direction for pollinators!	Gallagher	Samantha	Bee Enthusiast	

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Virginia	It concerns me to see milkweed be cut down along the road just when the monarch caterpillars are ready to make their cocoons. Monarchs are becoming endangered because of this. Monarch caterpillars eat NOTHING BUT MILKWEED, so the milkweed must be allowed to grow. I have particularly noticed this on what they call Triple J road. It is a connector between Sensony Rd in Winchester and Route 7. I see the milkweed growing now and I fear that it will be cut as it was last year just as the caterpillars were eating and ready to make cocoons.	Grooms	JoAnn	Teacher	
Virginia	Our medians have so much milkweed yet they are mowed each year just as the Monarchs are starting to lay their eggs and develop as caterpillars. We need to stop the mowing - or shift the timeline to late October, and let these rights of way be the habitat that we and the Monarchs need.	Hamilton	Nicole		
Virginia	I hope that all states will participate.	Harman	Ann	Beekeeper	
Virginia	Pollinators provide many services as multibillion dollar economic assets and as essential ecological assests. Pollinator loss is costly to humans and ecosystems. Protecting pollinators aids our agricultural system and natural ecosystems. Protecting pollinators is essential to our well-being on many fronts. Please continue to take pollinator protection very seriously in the name of our food supply and ecosystem stability. Thank you.	Horth	Lisa	Scientist/Researcher	Old Dominion University
Virginia	My friend , who is a beekeeper, alerted me to how critical bees are to our well being. We must help them recover from their depleating numbers.	Hunt	Heather Karen	Friend of a beekeeper.	
Virginia	This is a critical step in establishing contiguous habitat corridors across our nation.	Hutton	Mary	Preservationist	Wild Ones Blue Ridge Chapter
Virginia	Without the honey bees mankind will become extinct. They pollinate our fruit trees, our berries, our vegetables, and our flowers.	JAMES	BARBARA	Beekeeper	
Virginia	Without the honey bees mankind will become extinct. They pollinate our fruit trees, our berries, our vegetables, and our flowers.	JAMES	BARBARA	Beekeeper	
Virginia	Mowing is expensive and uses too much gas. By planting the appropriate native pollinator plants, state governments can greatly cut down on mowing. This will save money and help bees as well as wildlife.	Kark	Joan	Beekeeper, Naturalist	

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Virginia	This would be a great initiative that would actually save State DOT's money while bettering the environment. If states draw on the experience of Texas and Minnesota in creating wildflower-filled roadsides, tourism will increase too. This is a win-win propositions for the taxpayer and the environment!	Kent	Clement	Scientist/Researcher	
Virginia	I gather data on several species of pollinator, including some species of butterflies, on federal lists of threatened and endangered. I also plant flowers for these species to nectar on. I am very concerned about the decline of pollinators, especially bees...I have seen this occurring for several years in southwestern Virginia counties. Also my father was a beekeeper for many years. He quit after witnessing many of his hives dying out....at the time he believed it was because of mites.	Kessler	Clyde	Scientist/Researcher	
Virginia	Please help save bees and butterflies, not because they are pretty and fascinating (they are) but because we humans rely on them (we do.)	Lawrence	Lee	Beekeeper	beekeeper
Virginia	Please help the pollinators	Lewit	Bob	Beekeeper	
Virginia	Sir/Madam, As an EAS-certified Master Beekeeper, and a researcher in the domain of honey bee colony monitoring technology, I strongly urge you to support this legislation. Thank you.	Linton	Frank	Scientist/Researcher , Beekeeper, Resident	
Virginia	Monarchs populations have PLUMMETED! This bill is so important in helping preserve milkweeds, and thereby preserving Monarchs!	Locklear	Janet	Beekeeper	
Virginia	I've seen quite a bit of milkweed growing in the median on route 7 west of purcellville. I would love to see that left for monarchs to breed and help stem the reductions in monarch populations. And as the bill states - this doesn't cost anything, it is basically going to save money.	Magurn	Brian		
Virginia	I want to help the environment!	Marlow	Angela	Mother, ex zoo keeper	
Virginia	We need pollinator plants because bees pollinate 72% of our food crops.	McCarry	Nan	Gardener & citizen	

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Virginia	Reasons to delay mowing. Protect wildlife and pollinators More attractive aesthetically Saves money Less pollution. Why not?	McGroarty	P	Horticulturalist	Landscape Designer.
Virginia	People and other wildlife are also affected by the spraying of pesticides. We need to use caution when applying pesticides to our environment. It is making us sick, too.	Miller	Mona	Naturalist	
Virginia	I am extremely concerned about loss of habitat and its impact on all wildlife, including humans. I believe this to be an immediate priority and that we cannot afford to continue to ignore it.	Morell	Kay	Citizen and Master Gardener	
Virginia	Please help the bees.	Moreno	Chris	Beekeeper	bee owner
Virginia	This bill would seem to be a no-brainer. It's a win-win situation, not only for the state's coffers but for the agriculture that benefits from pollination by the bees, butterflies, etc. that will be encouraged to reproduce. What is the problem?	Overstreet	Annette		
Virginia	Do not do wrong for the bees support all this effort. Do not let nature down!	Patel	Hemant	Natiralist	
Virginia	The US is becoming a pollinators' food desert. It has to change.	Penton	Christina	Beekeeper	
Virginia	Long term benefits indicate passage.	Perchik	Ben	Habitat Steward	Nat Wildlife Fed
Virginia	Please support this bill for our future. There is so much destruction on a daily basis to our local habitats with construction and pesticide use. Please give hope to our children that the government cares about nature and our future. They learn in school about all the environmental problems the world is having. Show them there is hope.	Posada	Lisa	4H Leader	4H
Virginia	Anything we can do to support pollinators is important and needs to be quickly addressed. I do not believe we have time for political banter. We need pollinators for our food supply. Our children and grandchildren deserve a better world.	Ratcliff	Helen	Gardener and grandparent	
Virginia	Thank you to Representatives Hastings and Denham for introducing this bill.	Reinsdorf	Marie	Beekeeper	
Virginia	I have recently learned about the challenges faced by pollinators, and also their importance to our crops. I want to help them any way I can.	Reynolds	Anne	Concerned citizen	

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Virginia	<p>I am a small business owner, and hope to start keeping bees in the next few months. Please sign this important legislation for the health and vitality of our bees and other pollinators. This is a major crisis that we all have to work together to turn around, as soon as we can. I plan to do what I can as a beekeeper, and hope that others with the power to do so can help with needed legislation that will give the bees a fighting chance. Thank you so much.</p>	Rugg	Kathryn	Beekeeper	
Virginia	<p>Research has shown the untapped wildlife value in our highway right-of-ways, power right-of-ways, and other fallow lands for honey bees (upon which much of our agricultural crops depend for pollination), native pollinators including native bees, butterflies such as declining migratory Monarch (<i>Danaus plexippus</i>) butterflies, and other wildlife such as grassland birds, which are also known to be in decline due largely to habitat loss. Judicious and targeted management of the vegetation within these lands for wildlife benefit can also result in better management of invasive woody plants and considerable savings in state, county, and federal budgets through reductions in mowing-related expenses. Please seriously consider passing this act for national economic and environmental benefit.</p>	Sellers	Elizabeth	Scientist/Researcher	
Virginia	<p>I am in favor of the Hwys Bee Act and in very much support of it.</p> <p>Thank you for your consideration, also.</p> <p>Larry Shilling</p>	Shilling	Larry	Beekeeper	
Virginia	<p>I support the Highways Bee Act and request your help for the enactment of this very important Act.</p> <p>Thank you,</p> <p>Rose Shilling</p>	Shilling	Rose	Supportive Citizen	

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Virginia	I support the Bee Act. Please help! Thank you, Ryan Shilling	Shilling	Ryan	Concerned Citizen	
Virginia	Reduce mowing expenses, save pollinators, beautify highways. Everyone wins!	Stryker	Kim	Beekeeper	Beekeeper
Virginia	This is such an easy way to preserve wild life, while saving state transport offices money by not having to mow. PLEASE support this bill.	Traugott	Christine	concerned citizen	
Virginia	Ecological diversity of species is critical for all living organisms.	tuttle	Ron	Scientist/Researcher	
Virginia	This is an action that just makes sense and will benefit pollinators and taxpayers!	Welsh	Catherine	Concerned citizen	Falls of the James Group - Sierra Club
Virginia	Please take a step in the right direction in providing a corridor of pollen, nectar and food for all pollinators, from bees to caterpillars and butterflies. Thank you!!!!	Wood	A	Scientist/Researcher	
Virginia	Let's Bee smart and use pollen and nectar rich Native Plants along our roadways. It's better than invasives and chemicals. Provides jobs, too. Thank you!	Wood	Adele	Nature Guide	
Washington	One of the ways we can fight colony collapse is to provide nectar sources to help keep keep colonies strong.	Ade	Timothy	Beekeeper	
Washington	This low impact act will create a healthy environment for future generations.	Anderson	Maren	Beekeeper	US citizen
Washington	Please help our honeybees survive!	Banasik	Jacquelyn	Beekeeper	
Washington	Anyone who eats should be working to help our pollinators. This is common sense way to enrich the habitat for pollinators, enhance our Right of Ways with a multiplicity of colorful, native plantings and reduce the cost of ongoing mowing maintenance. Seems like a nooo-brainer.	Biery	Boni	Concerned Citizen	
Washington	I fully support this act.	Cattin	James	Beekeeper	
Washington	Please help the bees! We need them to have a varied diet in order that we humans can also maintain a healthy and varied diet!	Dahmen	Patricia	Beekeeper	

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Washington	Bees are an integral part of both natural ecosystems and our nation's multi-faceted agricultural crops -- two very important reasons as to why to support this bill. je	Ely	Jane	member Native Plant Society, food consumer	
Washington	Increase habitat on thruways which don't require spraying chemicals	frank	dame	Scientist/Researcher , Beekeeper	Olympia Beekeepers Assoc
Washington	Pollinators, particularly native bees, are essential to ecosystem health and, by extension, human health. We must act now to protect pollinators!	Greene	Jennifer	Biology Teacher	Seattle Central College
Washington	Please strongly consider this as one more way to provide habitat and protect pollinators/bees everywhere!	Hart	Halley	Beekeeper	
Washington	White dutch clover would be a good plant to seed along roadsides. It grows low to the ground, not requiring much mowing. It also chokes out undesirable weeds and is very attractive to pollinators.	harvey	dan	Scientist/Researcher , Beekeeper, queen breeder	
Washington	It just makes sense to support this bill!	Hegy	Elisabeth	Partner of Beekeeper	
Washington	Please support this important bill that will have a great impact on pollinators in WA and elsewhere.	HEINECKE	Franclyn	Beekeeper	
Washington	Bees need good forage.	Hosticka	Susan	Beekeeper	
Washington	All the food we like is somehow improved by pollination. We all need the pollinators to survive. Now it seems these creatures are the indicator species showing us toxic effects of past policies. Pollinators don't have lobby in congress.	hudson	alexander	Beekeeper	
Washington	Bee protection is imperative! not just for our country, but for the world.	Johnson	Dee	Beekeeper	apprentice beekeeper
Washington	I support the bill because we must save the bees. They're dying at alarming rates due to the pesticides. And it's now proven that the mites are not the cause! (The same amount present in control group hive with an infected pesticide hive showed that the insecticide bees were killed off while the control group survived). Please support this bill!	Johnson	Leslie	Very concerned citizen	
Washington	Make this happen please to help save the planet	juliano	Rand	Master Gardener	
Washington	The situation with our pollinators is critical- We are shooting ourselves in the foot. Please help!	Kaplan	Diane	Beekeeper	

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Washington	I support bees. This bill will benefit bees. It means I support the bill. Gene	komarov	eugene	Beekeeper	
Washington	I totally support this Hwys BEE Act Support.	Lawrence	Jan	Beekeeper	Washington State Bee Keepers
Washington	Washington State has some of the nicest and well-maintained highways. We should do everything we possibly can to help pollinators find food along these huge expanses of green space!	Lee	Jennifer	Apprentice	
Washington	It's MONSANTO and neonicotinoids that are killing the bees. Ban them.	Love	Laura	Concerned person	
Washington	We need this. It supports valuable ecosystems. Since we are rapidly losing our farmlands as well as our forests this land will be utilized to keep many creatures alive.	Matz	Kristie		
Washington	Please support this bill. The Honey bees need all the help we can provide.	McBride	Duane	Beekeeper	
Washington	much needed, so easy to accomplish	Monroe	Bonnie		
Washington	save the bees plant flowers not poison	morgan	vicki	Beekeeper	
Washington	As bee forage is being replaced by non- pollinating plants this well help us bee keepers with additional acreage for honey production.	Mumau	Daren	Beekeeper	Inland Empire Beekeepers VP.
Washington	Honeybees and other pollinators need all the help they can get right now! More areas to forage is of great importance to our pollinator friends. Please help!	Perkins	Terri	Beekeeper	
Washington	I support anything we can do to enhance our bee population and ecosystem.	Perry	Patricia	individual	
Washington	Are there grant possibilities?	Plenert	Linda	Beekeeper	NOPBA
Washington	I am The Bee Lady of. Sequim and our pollinators need as much help as possible. I'm also impressed by Europe and newly, Ontario, Canada for banning neonics. Why are we so far behind them on this issue? We will lose our form of pollinators and fruits and vegetables!	Plenert	Linda	Beekeeper	Bee Enthusiast
Washington	This bill is a win-win for all. I support it as an effort to increase habitat for bees. Without bees, life ceases to exist!	Reeder	Michaela		

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Washington	We must not let the honey bees and other pollonators disappear. I promote all measures to avoid this - no vegetation spraying along the roadsides that kill them off would be another great measure to adopt.	Rose	Betty	friend of the Beekeepers	
Washington	Because our pollinators are in trouble and we can do something about it. Please support this bill. Thank you.	Schrenzel	Julian	Beekeeper	
Washington	The more pollinator food crops that are pesticide-free and not harvested should help bees and other pollinators survive to help make food for everyone.	Shaw	Patricia	Beekeeper	
Washington	This sounds like a perfect opportunity to help out our "natural pollinators" What a cool easy idea.	Smith	Brenda	Beekeeper	Individual Beekeeper
Washington	It is the right thing to do given the challenges we have.	Stenzig	Martin	Beekeeper	
Washington	save the beesno poison	stewart	kathleen	Beekeeper	
Washington	Good common sense. Change is good.	Wahl	Lisa	Beekeeper	Olympia Bee Keepers Association member
Washington	Honey bees need diverse nutrition to thrive - this bill would help preserve that.	Weil	Susanne	Beekeeper	
Washington	I keep honey bees and feel that more need to be done to help the honey bees along highways	Whisenhunt	Anthony	Beekeeper	
Washington	I love bees and care about the earth. If pollinators die off, we die off. This is a very important issue that must be addressed. Please help take action to help them out before it is too late.	Williams	Desiree		

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West Virginia	<p>Countless dollars are spent by the WV DOH to mow down and spray wildflowers necessary for beauty, tourism and pollinators. What a waste when green grass does nothing for habitat and certainly visibility is not hampered for motorists. I watched even as they mowed a two lane highway removing all wildflowers 2 weeks before frost.....how ridiculous when pollinators need that food, and tourists enjoy the wildflowers. We have a DOH with an unhealthy golf course mentality. Spraying people's lawns that go to the edge of the road; causing asthma attacks for vulnerable citizens; and leaving tanks of spray to run out contaminating the ground. When questioned....it was contracted out.</p> <p>All that money for spraying and mowing could be used for improvements if the DOH would use intelligence to select portions of highway where visibility of motorists would be impaired. If we allowed the wildflowers to grow everyone would benefit.</p>	Boggess	Zelma	Scientist/Researcher , Beekeeper, Local Queen Producer	
West Virginia	<p>Thank you - Thank you - Thank you. I highly applaud your efforts and behind you all the way, but I feel that first there should be some legislation to ensure that the participating DOT'S must refrain from spraying along highways, including guard rail sections. Weed eaters and manpower surely would be more efficient than the chemicals used to kill weeds (and bees and butterflies), If the utility companies and highway departments would go back to manpower see how many jobs could be created, and we would all have a much healthier environment in which to eat and live. KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK</p>	Christ	Sharon	Beekeeper, Secretary - WCBA - West Virginia	Secretary of Beekeeping Association WCBA
West Virginia	<p>Any effort to support our critical and endangered pollinators is greatly needed and should be applauded by everyone who eats or who cares about the species who do Mother Nature's work. A healthy environment means health for all.</p>	Fremaux	Charlotte	citizen scientist, naturalist, botanical artist	West Virginia Master Naturalist
West Virginia	<p>A good cover of low growing pollinator plants along the road would not only help the decline of pollinators but beautify America in a way that would help atone for all the billboards!</p>	Jones	Andrew	Beekeeper	
West Virginia	<p>Our Honeybees need all of the help they can get.</p>	Tilley	Barry	Beekeeper	

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Wisconsin	Please help to save bees. We need these wonderful creatures.	Ackermann	George	Beekeeper	Marathon County Beekeepers Association
Wisconsin	Native insect species all over the world are subjected to a deadly combination of stresses. These stresses are widespread and stem directly from human activity. Habitat loss, fragmented ecosystems, alien organisms, industrial farming practices, pesticides, climate change and the proliferation of lawns are a few major sources of invertebrate decline. Environmental stresses are pushing native pollinators to the edge of ecological collapse, with cascading effects seen globally.	Barron	Daniel	Beekeeper	
Wisconsin	Please pass this bill as soon as possible - not only for the critical protection of the dwindling population of honeybees, but also for all the other pollinators and small wildlife that will be aided by this. Thank You.	Blakenet	Sandra	Interested party	
Wisconsin	This so important -- and unusual in that it only does good and helps, no downside at all!	Blakeney	Laurie	Writer	
Wisconsin	Bees are necessary for life on this planet, since they cross pollinate and allow plants to multiply. It is estimated that human life will die out four years after the last bee dies. Billions of bees have perished. We need to facilitate environments for bees to multiply. I think this highway idea is a good one. Please support it. Thank you.	Bolog	Maureen	Mother, wife, citizen	citizen
Wisconsin	I do documentation and monitoring of pollinators as a citizen scientist. I am much concerned about the demise of our pollinators. Please help to bring them back	Denniston	Glenda	Interested citizen	
Wisconsin	In addition to the benefits listed above, which are very important and desirable, is the restoration of local botanical character and its signs of seasonality to our roadways. This restoration, I feel, can lead to increased appreciation of the beauty of our roadside environment and its seasonal changes. I, personally, look forward to again seeing our tall wild asters, providing food for bees and joy to my heart.	Drake	Barbara	Beekeeper, Gardener, nature lover, diversity proponent, mowing opponent	Beekeeper, gardener
Wisconsin	No bees= no us!	groshek	matthew	Beekeeper	
Wisconsin	We need the bees!	groshek	samantha	Beekeeper	
Wisconsin	We need to protect our bee's and wildlife There is no need to continue roadside mowing!	Karau	Mel	High interest	Naturalist

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Wisconsin	Leave the weeds, save our bees	Larson	Victoria	Beekeeper	
Wisconsin	Since wild land is disappearing so fast to development, it's very important to use the land we still have to support pollinators - both honeybees and native pollinators. Please help by supporting this bill.	OConnor	Marcie	naturalist	
Wisconsin	I have noticed a drastic decline in honeybees & pollinators in our gardens & general area. We need to take some BIG STEPS to make up MAJORLY to compensate for all the harm we are causing them.	Olson	Sondra	Gardener	
Wisconsin	Our pollinators are stressed and in trouble, anything that can be done to help in their plight, especially providing food and habitat, is a step in the right direction.	Smith-Vuich	Brandy	Beekeeper	
Wisconsin	It is so important to have Bees survive without them there would be no food	Westcott	Karla	Beekeeper	