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This letter confirms the support of the Manitoba Beekeepers' Association (MBA) for the December 12, 2013 Canadian Honey Council's Submission to Health Canada's call for comments on notice of intent NO12013-01.

MBA is a province-wide association representing about 550 Manitoba beekeepers, with over 80,000 colonies of honey bees. MBA has a long history of working collaboratively with various groups, and to this end feels it is imperative to find a resolution for the neonicotinoid issue beneficial to both seed growers and pollinator providers. We recognize seed growers could face difficulties if seed suppliers are reluctant to reduce current treatment regimes. We therefore encourage co-operation of industry, beekeepers and government to develop a sustainable solution. MBA recognizes the importance of the regulatory agency to take quick action to mitigate the ongoing impacts widespread prophylactic neonicotinoid use has on bees. We therefore encourage Pest Management Regulatory Agency to work with various industry groups to develop a process to quickly reduce neonicotinoid dependency.

Should you require additional information on this letter of support, please feel free to contact our association at your convenience.

Sincerely,

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