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New “Neonic” Policy Protects Bees and Food Supply: Doctors and Nurses

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Toronto—The Canadian Association of Physicians for the Environment (CAPE) and the Registered Nurses' Association of Ontario (RNAO) praised today's announcement by the Ontario government for committing to an 80 per cent reduction in the use of three neonic pesticides by 2017.

“Our doctors are very pleased that Ontario has listened to health professionals and is planning to substantially cut neonic pesticide use on corn and soy,” says CAPE Executive Director Gideon Forman. “This is a crucially important step and will go a long way toward protecting pollinators – and therefore our food supply.”

“Our organizations have looked at the science – and it tells us that, to ensure food security and environmental health, we need to ban neonics,” says Doris Grinspun, Chief Executive Officer of RNAO. “We see today's announcement as moving in that direction and nurses are very pleased,” says Grinspun adding so will the vast majority of Ontarians.

A recent Oracle poll says 92 per cent of Ontarians feel it's important for the government to protect pollinators. Eighty-seven percent are concerned about the threat neonics pose to bees, butterflies and other animals. This is why CAPE and RNAO have teamed up to run an advertising campaign alerting citizens about the threat neonics pose to nature and human health.

The two organizations support a full ban on neonics.

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