



Hon. Candice Bergen, P.C.

Member of Parliament for Portage—Lisgar

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Dear Constituent,

Thank you for your message regarding the use of neonic pesticides. I always appreciate hearing from constituents on important issues such as this.

Canada's Conservatives believe that our farmers require a predictable, science and risk-based regulatory system for pesticides. This is crucial to protecting our health, the environment and agricultural success in Canada. The Liberal's plan to eliminate an entire class of pesticides that farmers rely on has not been based in science, and if implemented would have adverse effects on farming communities and rural economies across the country. It is important we do not create policies that lack a sufficient scientific justification which would have a negative impact on the sustainable production of safe food and agricultural products.

While it is important that we protect pollinators such as honey bees, we must ensure that any decisions which may adversely affect our farmers will have a meaningful and measured positive impact as well. So far the scientific evidence presented has failed to demonstrate a conclusive link between bee kills and neonics. Furthermore, banning commonly used pesticides may cause the agriculture industry to revert back to an older class of chemicals, which lack the same strong environmental standards as ones currently in use.

Thank you for taking the time to express your concerns, if I can be further assistance on this or any other matter please don't hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,

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