

We're fending off a second attempt to shut down our lawsuit against bee-killing pesticides.

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Bees v. government & industry, round 2

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Dear Sharon,

Today, we're back in court to fend off a second attempt by industry and government to shut down our clients' case against the continued registration of bee-killing pesticides without the scientific studies required to assess their risks to pollinators.

Meanwhile, the science on neonicotinoids (neonics) and pollinators only becomes clearer — the widespread use of these pesticides is exposing bees and other

pollinators around the world to dangerous levels of toxic contamination, killing bees and collapsing their colonies. Sadly, it has become harder for pollinators to do the awe-inspiring work of pollinating our food and flowering plants.

But here's the trouble — as we've seen over the past few months, government and industry do not want this case to get a hearing, where a judge can decide whether the Pest Management Regulatory Agency's (PMRA) 'approve first, study the science later' approach is legal.

We argue that approving pesticides that kill off bees en masse, without observing the science is unlawful. That's why we've fought so hard to make sure this case goes to a full hearing.

In July, my colleague Julia Croome and I went to bat against nine lawyers from the Government of Canada and several multinational pesticide companies. The result? The judge determined that the case deserves to be heard so the court can determine whether the PMRA's continued approval of neonicotinoid pesticides is legal.

This case is an example of the great endurance litigation demands. When our lawsuit is finally heard, it could set an important precedent that would force Canada to take a more precautionary and science-driven approach to pesticide regulation.

Thanks to your support, we've not only been able to launch this lawsuit, but we've been able to successfully resist repeated attempts to block our clients – and pollinators – from getting their day in court. Thank you!

This won't be the last time we stand before a judge to protect pollinators and our environment, so stay tuned. We'll keep fighting, thanks to you. [Read more to learn about our continued work to protect pollinators.](#)

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Sincerely,



Charles Hatt, Ecojustice lawyer

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