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From: Emily Ranson <eranson@cleanwater.org>
Sent: Monday, October 21, 2019 12:20 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: CB51-2019: Pesticides and Pollinators

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Hi, Howard County Council,

On Friday, nine of our members completed an action on our website to urge the passage of CB51-2019. Unfortunately, when setting it up I failed to hit save, and so it defaulted to a previous action on CB38-2019, which is what you all received.

The nine emails you received were supposed to be supporting CB51-2019 and should have looked more like, "Our pollinators are under threat due to shrinking habitat, disease, and the use of toxic pesticides. Please pass CB51-2019 to implement Integrative Pest Management and stop the use of three especially toxic pesticides on county controlled, managed, and owned lands. Thank you!"

Sorry about the mix up (it is corrected now)!

I have BCC'ed the nine people who used the action.

Best,

Emily

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Thank you.

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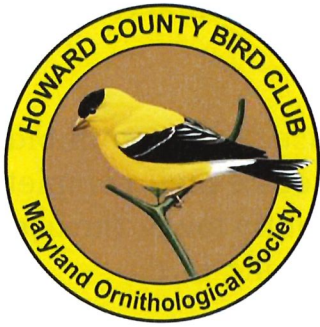
From: Kurt Schwarz <krschwa1@verizon.net>
Sent: Sunday, October 20, 2019 7:31 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Written Testimony in Support of CB-51
Attachments: HCBC CB-51 Pesticides..docx

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Dear Howard County Council:

Please find attached the letter from the Howard County Bird Club in support of CB-51, to be heard at tomorrow's Council Meeting. HCBC has roughly 200 members, is based in Howard County, and is a chapter of the Maryland Ornithological Society.

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October 21, 2019

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Dear Members of the Howard County Council:

The Howard County Bird Club (HCBC) supports CB-51. This bill would restrict use of certain pesticides and an herbicide on County property. Chlorpyrifos and neonicotinoids are both toxic to birds, and have detrimental effects on reproduction in birds. In March, many American Goldfinches in California were poisoned to death by seeds treated with the neonicotinoid imidacloprid.¹ A recent study showed the neonicotinoid imidacloprid to cause a condition similar to anorexia in White-crowned Sparrows, causing them to delay migration². In addition, they are detrimental to pollinators, many of which also serve

¹ Hays, Brook, California scientists consider case of poisoned songbirds, UPI, June 27, 2019, [https://www.upi.com/Science News/2019/06/27/California-scientists-consider-case-of-poisoned-songbirds/8371561578247/?fbclid=IwAR2FAjWxw4lpsTouXnvonqJc9c9r2Qy_lu_kYYuF-WeMQUhN4y9m_jW3mOo](https://www.upi.com/Science%20News/2019/06/27/California-scientists-consider-case-of-poisoned-songbirds/8371561578247/?fbclid=IwAR2FAjWxw4lpsTouXnvonqJc9c9r2Qy_lu_kYYuF-WeMQUhN4y9m_jW3mOo)

² Pennisi, Elizabeth, Common pesticide make migrating birds anorexic, Science, September 12, 2019, https://www.sciencemag.org/news/2019/09/common-pesticide-makes-migrating-birds-anorexic?fbclid=IwAR0bYKILiH7XUkN-n2ftSp1_WtVlpxzAot3woNOFP0nUpe8m1LA1MPQGcR8

as food for birds. The herbicide glyphosate is also detrimental to pollinators.

HCBC recognizes that in certain circumstances the use of neonicotinoids and glyphosate are necessary, and hence do not advocate their complete abolition. But we feel this bill would help to significantly lower the use of both substances, to the benefit of the health of humans, birds, pollinators, and also benefiting water quality.

HCBC is a volunteer membership non-profit based in Howard County of some 200 members. We are a chapter of the Maryland Ornithological Society. Both are dedicated to the study and preservation of birds and their habitat. We will be happy to provide peer-reviewed studies on the ill effects of neonicotinoids and Chlorpyrifos upon request.

Please consider supporting CB-51.

Sincerely,

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From: Wayne Davis <wayne.davis103@gmail.com>
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Subject: Strong Support of Council Bill 51-2019

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Thank you to County Executive Dr. Ball for asking Council Chair Rigby to introduce this bill which will help protect not just our necessary pollinators and other beneficial insects, but it will also protect Howard County citizens and guests from incredibly toxic chemicals that have been shown to have severe chronic human health effects in both adults and children and even in pets.

Chlorpyrifos and glyphosate show up in our foods at an alarming rate. The EPA was scheduled to ban Chlorpyrifos before the incompetent and ignorant federal government Administration was installed. Glyphosate has been banned in several countries and US cities due to its imminent danger.

I beg the Howard County Council to pass this bill to protect not only our pollinators but also our citizens, guests, and pets. Thank you.

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From: Lisa Schlossnagle <lisabmrss@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 16, 2019 6:09 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Support CB-51 restricting pesticide/herbicide use on County property

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Dear Council,

I fully support this bill as a necessary environmental protection measure. Please vote yes.

Sincerely,
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