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Dear Ms. Walker:

Thank you for your continued interest in ConAgra's products and for the additional opportunity to share the good work that we are doing to reduce the use of neonicotinoids on popcorn. This letter is to further clarify our efforts and commitment regarding pollinator health per the questions in your letter dated February 5, 2016.

In our previous letter, we stated that we have made significant progress in neonic reduction over the past several years. We believe our progress in neonic reduction to be industry-leading. As stated, our application rate of neonicotinoid on treated seeds has already been reduced by 50% vs. 2010, and our current use level is now 90% lower than the EPA's approved use level. This usage rate reduction is relevant for all neonicotinoid used on treated popcorn seeds across our full supply chain. No additional neonicotinoids are used during popcorn production.

You have asked for our strong commitment. As previously stated, ConAgra Foods and its Orville Redenbacher's brand are committed to continue our efforts to identify and work with our growers to implement best agricultural practices to help protect the health of pollinators. Please accept this as our long-term commitment towards further reducing usage by working with agricultural universities and those companies supplying neonicotinoids to the seed industry.

Sincerely,

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