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Larissa Walker
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Dear Ms. Walker:

Thank you for your inquiry regarding Orville Redenbacher's popcorn and our organization's stance on pollinator health and our nation's food supply.

ConAgra Foods, Inc. is committed to ensuring that its growing practices are safe and sustainable. We recognize that pollinator health is an important issue towards ensuring a sustainable food supply. ConAgra's popcorn business, including Orville Redenbacher's brand, continuously identifies and works with our growers to implement best agricultural practices.

Over the past several years, we have made significant progress in neonic reduction. Our popcorn business has reduced the application rate of neonicotinoid on treated seeds by 50% vs. 2010; in fact, our current use level is now 90% lower than the EPA's approved use level. We also have identified methods for our growers to implement to reduce dusting from the seed coating that can occur during planting. In total, we will reduce potential bee exposure to neonics by over 80% since 2010.

Sustainability is inherent in all we do. Our team continues to investigate and initiate new sustainable practices through participation in industry, government and university programs. We monitor for impacts of neonicotinoid pesticides to pollinator health and have ongoing initiatives to reduce or eliminate the risks of pesticides to bee colony health.

Please accept this letter as ConAgra's and Orville Redenbacher's formal commitment to continue our efforts to identify and implement best agricultural practices, including alternative solutions, which help protect the health of pollinators.

Sincerely,

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Cc: Lanie Friedman, Director of Communications, [Redacted]