

SELECTED COMMENTS BY HIGHWAYS BEE ACT SUPPORTERS

- CALIFORNIA **“Saving money AND helping pollinators that help us grow our crops? Win-win!”**
Tracey Sittig
- CALIFORNIA **“With declining available bee pasture any plants that provide pollen and nectar will always help honey bees!”**
Steve Rothenberg, Blue Diamond Growers
- COLORADO **“Our bee group is responsible for cleaning the highway and I would love to see more bees there.”**
Holly Gagnon
- COLORADO **“This is how I do my own yard along a busy street and people love it (not just the animals/insects!).”**
Ruth Inglis-Widick
- FLORIDA **“Board of directors voted unanimously to support the letter. We just awarded 15 grants in nine of the counties for roadside and public lands plantings.”**
Lisa Roberts, Florida Wildflower Foundation.
- FLORIDA **“Using native plants for public spaces is common sense for many reasons. They provide feeding and breeding areas for native wildlife, provide erosion control and provide beautiful plantings that require minimal maintenance which equals big savings in upkeep expenses.”**
Lia Gallegos
- FLORIDA **“Thank You... smart thinking!”**
Jean Ordonez, Aviation Training Mall
- FLORIDA **“I believe it is especially important to conserve any edge habitat that we have because that is all we really have left. Thank you for helping to protect our bees.”**
Julie Brown
- IOWA **“Thank you ...thank you....thank you..this highway mowing situation has been breaking my heart for years, but could not find a way to change it. We planted wildflowers here on our highways, but they get mowed down at the most inopportune times.”**
Wanda Sandfire, Midwest Pollinator Conservation
- KENTUCKY **“It just makes so much sense to use the land along highways to increase habitat. Illinois seems to be doing great work in this area. There were wildflowers everywhere along the highway. At the rest stop a poster was on the wall showing photos of the native plants you might see along the highway. I read somewhere that they mow at a specific time of the year to give the wildflowers a chance. Very cool.”**
Ann Bowe, Wildlands Lexington Chapter
- LOUISIANA **“Just do it!”**
Robert Taylor
- MARYLAND **“Brilliant idea. So elegant in its simplicity. Saves money, helps wildlife, cuts back on air pollution.”**
Robert Johnson
- MARYLAND **“This legislation is a win win for everyone. There are very few of those. It should be vigorously pursued.”**
Thomas Gwin
- MASSACHUSETTS **“Great bee and economic benefits.”**
Linda Leddy
- MINNESOTA **“A win-win act.”**
Robert Sitko, Minnesota Hobby Beekeepers Association
- MISSOURI **“I would bet that our state Conservation dept. would also assist with this effort. Master Gardener groups around the state and/or other volunteer organizations could also be recruited to assist in installation of appropriate plantings.”**
Monica Frank

- MISSOURI **“Besides, beautiful wildflowers make for happy, alert drivers.”**
Laura Hillman
- MONTANA **“Makes perfect sense....saves money too.”**
Denise Baker
- NEW JERSEY **“A win win given our current environment and economic situation!!”**
Barbara Grandin
- NEW MEXICO **“We farm and count on these bees!”**
Teleah Dabbs
- NORTH CAROLINA **“Please, let’s all help the pollinators help us.”**
Mary Deitz
- NORTH DAKOTA **“This is very, very important to get this enacted as soon as possible. Our bees are in the balance of survival. Also our foods are dependent upon bees for pollination.”**
Randell Verboek
- OHIO **“Can you imagine the beauty around you as you drive?! I'm sure it would also contribute to more relaxed, safer driving.”**
Nidia Arguedas
- OHIO **“This is such a great idea; a real no-brainer. I don't know why it hasn't been proposed until now.”**
Kelly Sandman
- PENNSYLVANIA **“This is a win win win proposition, healthier, better looking highways, environmentally friendly, more economic.”**
Beatriz Moiset
- RHODE ISLAND **“We have been watching the loss of pollinators with growing horror from NC to New England! This is REALLY scary!”**
Adrienne Austin
- SOUTH DAKOTA **“Way to go!”**
Heath Bermel
- TEXAS **“Please save money and wildlife by supporting this bill.”** Teri Dickinson.
- VERMONT **“In many areas it is a waste of resources to mow. And it cuts down important nectar and pollen plants.”**
Ann Watson
- VERMONT **“Pass this bill and let all our highways Bee Green!”**
Paul Growald, Celebration Partners LLC
- VIRGINIA **“This is an economical, environmentally informed action that will add to the interest and beauty of our national landscape.”**
Christina Penton
- VIRGINIA **“Mowing of roadsides wastes fuel resources and taxpayer money. It also destroys the positive ‘corridor’ effect that roadside flowers provide for pollinator bees and butterflies that also provide the bottom rung of the natural food chain.”**
Harry Pavulaan
- VIRGINIA **“This legislation appears to be a win-win all around. No imposition of costs and significant potential benefits.”**
Fred Siskind
- WEST VIRGINIA **“Not only will this provide for the bees, it will reduce the need for fossil fuels.”**
Susan Swenson
- WISCONSIN **“Good plan! It's good for all.”**
Marian Vieux