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Dear Friends of the Earth,

BJ's Wholesale Club is proud to share our commitment to keeping bees safe in the environment. Bees are an essential part of a healthy ecosystem and healthy world which is why BJ's ensures that our products are helping, not hurting our buzzing friends.

We've worked closely with our Vendor Partners to provide lawn care, dispensable pesticide, pet care, and fresh cut floral products that are neonicotinoid-free (neonicotinoids as you know, are a class of pesticides known to be harmful to bees). Below is an overview of BJ's program and commitment.

- We require all vendors to disclose the use of any neonicotinoids in nursery or plant-able products (i.e. blueberry bushes, tulip bulbs).
- We require any vendors using neonicotinoids in nursery or bedding plants to submit plan/process used to protect bees when using neonicotinoid (i.e. timing, segregation, etc.).

We are asking all vendors to be out of neonicotinoid plants by the end of this 2014 and/or we will include a label that states "treated with neonicotinoid, use caution around pollinators".

We thank you for the good work that Friends of the Earth does to help protect bees. BJ's Wholesale Club is proud to be your partner in this important initiative. Please feel free to share our program information with your supporters. Together with other companies and consumers throughout the country, we are all becoming more aware of the effects that neonicotinoids have on our environment and are taking the right steps to be more responsible.

Best,

Scott Williams
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