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The Honorable Todd Houston
Speaker, Indiana House of Representatives
Chair, Legislative Council

The Honorable Rodric Bray
President Pro Tempore, Indiana Senate
Vice Chair, Legislative Council

Dear Speaker Houston & Pro Tempore Bray,

Pollinators are an important resource to Indiana's agriculture and food production. Alarming, Indiana is experiencing a serious decline in pollinators - bees, butterflies, and others - as are other parts of the United States and globally.

Accordingly, I would ask the legislative council to assign pollinator decline in Indiana to an appropriate interim study.

I would suggest the interim study include the following issues:

1. Impact of the pollinator decline in Indiana including food production and natural ecosystems.
2. Causes of pollinator decline in Indiana, including invasive pests and diseases, such as mites and viral and fungal pathogens, exposure to pesticides and other chemicals, loss of habitat, loss of species and genetic diversity, and changing climate.
3. Innovative programs in other states such as citizen participation initiatives, habitat protection pollinator pathways and corridors for state and local lands, options for working lands, and solar and industry pollinator plantings.
4. Funding sources for restoring pollinator health and habitat.
5. Policy recommendations to stabilize and protect pollinator populations from further decline and promote pollinator health.

I thank you in advance for your consideration and support on this important matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Sue Errington".

Sue Errington
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CC: Sen. Greg Taylor, Minority Leader Indiana Senate
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