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### To Whom It May Concern

## Class Action Lawsuit Against Bayer Crop Science and Syngenta

The Board of the Alberta Beekeepers Commission does not support the class action suit filed recently by some Ontario beekeepers against Bayer CropScience and Syngenta relating to their use of neonicotinoid seed treatments.

The Alberta Beekeepers Commission recognizes that the use of certain agro chemicals can adversely affect honeybees, but also recognizes the benefits of using seed treatment technology in agriculture. In particular, compared to the organophosphates and foliar applications of pesticides previously used, seed treatment technology significantly reduces honeybee exposure to pesticides.

The Alberta Beekeepers Commission believes that the agrochemical industry recognizes the value of honeybees and other pollinators. We believe that working together with appropriate research, management and education of all stakeholders will ensure that modern agriculture and honeybees can coexist. The Canadian Honey Council and most provincial beekeeping organizations have been working, and will continue working, together with all agricultural stakeholders to ensure that the entire agriculture industry will be sustainable today and into the future.

The Alberta Beekeepers Commission represents over 45% of the honeybee industry in Canada and makes its decisions based on members' directives. As the leaders of the Canadian honeybee industry, we feel it is important to communicate to all agricultural sectors that we are willing to work together for the benefit of all.