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Subject: Pesticide notification registry for beekeepers.

Dear pesticide control board,

I would like the state of Maine to change the pesticide notification registry to take into account the needs of beekeepers to protect their hives from accidental poisoning. A simple system in which a beekeeper registers the location of their hives and state licensed pesticide applicators login to the system and state that they will spray x amount of area with pesticide x at address x in the next 24 to 48 hours. The computer would then match up the beekeeper and the pesticide applicator and send an email to the beekeeper stating that company x will spray pesticide x at address x and x amount of area will be sprayed. The beekeepers could chose to be notified of spraying activity within a certain distance from their apiary and all the matching would be done by the computer. The beekeeping community is clearly concerned about pesticides and this change would go a long way to make us feel like the state is trying to protect bees and the important work they do in pollination.

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