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Clean drinking water is a fundamental human right, yet it faces persistent threats from contaminants, including pesticides like neonicotinoids (neonics). Neonics are among the most widely used pesticides globally, posing well-documented risks to honeybees and other pollinators essential for agriculture and ecosystem health. Research also suggests neonics may disrupt human hormonal systems, as these chemicals are frequently detected in food and New Jersey's waterways.



Recognizing the urgency of this issue, New Jersey LCV led a nearly two-year campaign to advance critical state-level legislation to reduce neonic contamination in New Jersey's waters by classifying neonicotinoid pesticides as restricted-use chemicals. This legislation would limit non-essential neonic use, safeguarding both public health and vital pollinator populations.





Through coordinated outreach, media campaigns, and direct advocacy with partners New Jersey LCV ensured the urgency of passing the "Save the Bees Act", which was signed into law by Governor Murphy on Jan. 18, 2022. Thanks to this collaborative approach, New Jersey LCV successfully positioned our state as a leader in protecting public health and the environment.