



September 8, 2015

Jay Vroom, CEO  
CropLife America  
1156 15th St. NW  
Washington, DC 20005

Dear Mr. Vroom,

We are writing regarding your statement on August 26 on Friends of the Earth's Freedom of Information Act request to the U.S. Environmental protection Agency. While we appreciate CropLife America's acknowledgement that "pollinator health is critical," we would dispute your assertions that our FOIA to the U.S. EPA is a burden. However, if CropLife America would make public any documents or emails regarding meetings or communications or other contacts — including meeting minutes and scheduling notes — that any individual from CropLife America arranged or attended with the EPA Office of the Administrator or the EPA Office of Pesticide Programs, or that the EPA Office of the Administrator or the EPA Office of Pesticide Programs arranged or attended with CropLife America — then any "burden" on federal officials could be alleviated.

In addition, we find your criticism strange given that CropLife America itself submitted a [FOIA](#) to the EPA on June 29 "requesting documents, records and materials from EPA relating to adverse incident reports relating to honey bees/other pollinators and pesticide products from 1995 through the present." The FOIA request included, but was not limited to, "documents, records and materials contained in and relating to the Agency's Incident Data System (IDS), Ecological Incident Information System (EIIS), and FIFRA 6(a)(2) records." The EPA [responded](#) to CropLife America's FOIA on July 16 with all documents requested.

As a trade association that devotes so much time to public relations regarding the pollinator crisis and represents an industry with a large financial stake in manufacturing the pesticides that are linked to global bee declines, we hope you will understand our concern and comply with our request.

Please feel free to contact us so that we may discuss how CropLife America could begin making these requested documents public.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

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Food Futures Campaigner

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