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Dear Mrs. Pence,

As president of the Entomological Society of America (ESA) and on behalf of the society, I wish to express our delight at hearing about the beehive recently installed at your residence. As we near National Honey Bee Day on August 19<sup>th</sup>, this is an excellent time to continue this effort and emphasize the important work of honey bees and other pollinators. I am reaching out to introduce our society and offer to be a resource in any capacity which would be of assistance in your efforts.

ESA is the largest organization in the world serving the professional and scientific needs of entomologists and individuals in related disciplines. Founded in 1889, ESA has over 6,000 members affiliated with educational institutions, health agencies, private industry, and government. Our members are researchers, teachers, extension service personnel, administrators, marketing representatives, research technicians, consultants, students, pest management professionals, hobbyists – and, yes, beekeepers.

We are pleased to see your interest in taking an active role in advocating for the importance of protecting our nation's pollinators as well as supporting the beekeepers who help sustain our domestic bee populations. We also have a wide range of expertise on pollinators across our membership should you ever require assistance with the health of your hive. Both you and Secretary Perdue spoke eloquently about the need to protect and preserve our nation's bee populations. To that end, we would like to offer to be a resource as you move ahead in your advocacy efforts and have some ideas about ways we could work together to help elevate the dialogue on this issue which is of critical importance to our nation's agricultural interests and domestic economy.

We would very much appreciate the opportunity to speak with you further about this issue and see if there are ways we can work together to help raise public awareness about the value of pollinators to America.

Warmest regards,

Dr. Susan J. Weller  
2017 President  
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