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Hanh mitakuyapi. Hello my relatives. For the record, my name is Carel Two-Eagle and I'm solidly in support of HB 1258, the native pollinator bill.

All pollinators are either threatened with extinction, or endangered, which is worse, as you have probably heard. Most+1 plants rely on pollinators, regardless of whether those plants are for food, or fabric, or building materials - for all the species we humans share our holy mother earth with, not just us mere humans.

Pollinators include bees, wasps, and all flying insects along with many that don't crawl. Pollinators include bats, birds, and humans. There are many animals I have not mentioned. Even Tahteh', the wind, is a pollinator.

We don't need to do anything to preserve Tahteh', but we can do much to preserve all of the others - and if we don't, we humans will go extinct just like the pollinators we should have worked to protect and preserve and didn't, if you don't strongly support HB 1258. We will starve to death, in an ugly wreck of the world we humans will have created if we don't strongly support HB2258 and other actions. This is fact.

In 2000, I created a for-profit corporation to support a non-Christian Church I have headed since I inherited responsibility for it in 1993. In our Church, we worship by helping others. "Others" obviously does not only mean humans. Mitakuye oias'in means "All (are) my relatives". "All" means just that. It does not mean "all of only one kind". Thus it includes the pollinators.

We have 3/4 acre of land in Morton County. We cannot build on it. When we found that out, we decided to put a Prairie-Pollinator Protection and Preservation project on it. It was seeded to the invasive grass smooth brome years ago.

Instead of poisoning the smooth brome, we kill it with "Prairie in a Box". We take boxes 16-18" X 22-24" X 6" deep, fill them with compost or good topsoil, seed them with native prairie plant seeds, and set them on top of the smooth brome. The smooth brome dies from lack of sunlight and water.. Without poisoning anything.

The prairie plant mixture thrives without competition from the invasive smooth brome, the pollinators are protected and promoted, and the soil itself is not made toxic. What a win-win! We haul in stumps - preferably ones with holes from burrowing insects and other animals, and seed them around the land. Various pollinators live in and under them.

Some people hate it and even went so far as to try to force us to get rid of it. I am a fierce defender of prairies and pollinators. I explained about the ESA (the federal Endangered Species Act). We made signs and put them around. They haters have been quieter.

It is in our best interest to do all we can to protect and preserve the pollinators. Past this bill, actions include not using products like Roundup and neonicotinoid products. They have been proven to cause havoc to pollinators as well as the rest of the world's species.

I have 2 degrees in chemistry. I know far more about "pesticides" and "herbicides" and their actions than I want to.. Because such products have so many bad effects.

If you stop to think about it, the designations "pesticide" and "herbicide" are arrogant designations of the majority culture, which commits wholesale slaughter without a thought to effects other than getting rid of something some people have decided is "in their way".

I cannot urge you strongly enough to recommend Do Pass on HB 1258. It is in everyone's best interest to pass this bill.

I'm always available to answer questions, of course. Thank you for hearing me!