

March 9, 2021

Honorable Senators Stewart and colleagues in support of HB 103,

I am so very sad to have listened last night as the Senate failed to pass SB 103, yet very proud of your work and commitment on the vital issue.

I grew up on a farm in Colorado and realize how important the health of our soil and our pollinators is, to human survival, literally.

I also remember DDT and the many years of horrid harmful effects to animal life, including the cancers that it caused in people.

I remember Big Ag people putting fear into farmers and regular folks, saying that America could not feed itself if we stopped using DDT, which of course was NOT true at all.

Self-serving Big Ag profiteers and chemical giants like Monsanto, are funding the same 'DDT is necessary' false fear-mongering arguments for neonicotinoids that kill the pollinators for all the kinds of fruits and other plant life upon which we humans depend on for food, for survival.

There is a huge lack of understanding in the public because so few people are close to the earth that produces their food, with a commensurately huge opportunity for a better educating the public on our connection with our food and the damage to our health of the poisons called pesticides being put into our food.

Pollinators need wide and vocal public support, to enable pollinators to survive and thrive and continue producing our food.

Just like knowledgeable people who care about human health and survival took on climate change, to get people to understand the devastating impact to humans, of human detrimental interference in the health of all living things on our planet, we need champions to deeply and thoroughly educate the public about healthy human survival depending on the health of our soils and well being of pollinators to create our food.

Maybe a next step to create and save our healthy food supply is for NM to fund a PR video campaign that visualizes to educate our youth and our people About the integral and essential link between pollinators and our food. Kind of like Al Gore did for Climate 20 years ago, that has had a world-wide positive impact in changing public understanding.

Thank you so much for your efforts to keep our food supply safe and plentiful.

Please do not give up. You are the kind of public representatives that we the people and our children need in leadership.

Respectfully,
June P.
Rio Rancho, NM

March 14, 2021

Senator Stewart,

You are doing a fabulous job this session. Not only are you doing the difficult and delicate work of President Pro Tempore of the Senate, you are sponsoring so many really important bills, which means that you have to be there introducing and defending them . . . you are just amazing! Your respectful and responsive attitude and demeanor throughout is truly admirable. Thank you SO much for all you are doing for New Mexico, and for those of us who live here.

**In gratitude,
L.F., southwestern New Mexico**

March 21, 2021

Senator -- My mom would never say she was proud of us because she said she didn't have anything to do with our success. That's certainly the case here, but watching you last night I was filled with admiration to see you there steadfast, alone on the screen, standing up calmly but with controlled, righteous anger, meek like Moses, wise like a serpent. And winning in the end. I have no right to feel the pride I did, so I'll just say thank you. It was an extraordinary moment.

**Hang in there.
KB from Albuquerque**

April 1, 2021

Senator Stewart,

Allow me to add my congratulations to you for a job well done. Excellent results, indeed! No other New Mexico Senate Pro Tem could have herded all these new cool cats in the direction needed to change things which were way past needing change.

You stood fast, held it all together under the worst circumstances, and did it, Mimi. I can't wait for your encore.

**Cheers & all the best,
J.I. in Albuquerque**