



## Save the Pollinators

Honey bee colony losses continue at alarming rates. 2020-2021 saw the highest loss rate ever reported (50.8%) and 2022-2023 was almost as bad (48.2%).

The National Caucus of Environmental Legislators has stepped up to address the crisis with legislation to restrict the use of bee-killing neonicotinoid insecticides (neonics).

Across the country, bills to ban, restrict or regulate neonics have been introduced in 23 states and passed in Colorado, Connecticut, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Nevada, New Jersey, New York, Rhode Island and Vermont.

Most of these laws target home lawn and garden use, but the New York state legislature made history in 2023 when it passed the Birds and Bees Protection Act to ban neonic coatings on corn, soybean and wheat seeds.

TAKE ACTION and read more: <https://orgcns.org/3we0KoN>

## Restoring Our Relationship to the Sacred Life-Giving Force of Water

From Kaare Melby, Finnskogen Farm and Organic Consumers Association

Have you ever heard of a Nibi Walk?

Nibi means water in the Ojibwe language, and a Nibi Walk is a type of ceremony or meditation in which water is carried by hand in a copper vessel, along or around the body of water that was used to fill the vessel. Sharon Day is the leader of the Nibi Walk Project, and is currently on a Nibi Walk circumnavigating Lake Superior.

The Nibi Walk website states:

"Water Walks are focused and implemented in faith: faith in the water spirits, faith in the earth, faith in humankind and faith in the power of love. No amount of money is more powerful than these forces. When we spend time respecting and thanking the water for keeping us alive, it becomes impossible to abuse it."

Read more: <https://orgcns.org/44uqVZ6>

## What TEDx Talk Censorship Reveals About the US Chemical Regulatory Atmosphere

Zandra Palma, MD reports:

"I just want your immune system to work the way that it's supposed to. Why does TED think that message is dangerous?"

In early July I received the news that I had joined the ranks of TED iconoclasts: a TEDx talk that I gave several months before had been censored by TED, despite a water-tight list of scientific references I provided them with to back up every claim.

The talk was on environmental medicine and elaborated five pearls of advice about how to protect your immune system from common substances that can poison it. It was originally titled "Take the Lid off your Coffee Cup" – and that was about as punchy as the content got.

Why, then, would it be censored?

Read more: <https://orgcns.org/47UEUKF>

## How the Weedkiller Glyphosate Is Destroying Our Health and the Environment

Stephanie Seneff writes on Chelsea Green Publishing:

"Glyphosate is the active ingredient in Roundup, the most commonly used weedkiller in the world. Over 300 million pounds of glyphosate-based herbicide are sprayed on farms—and food—every year.

Agrochemical companies claim that glyphosate is safe for humans, animals, and the environment. But emerging scientific research on glyphosate's deadly disruption of the gut microbiome, its crippling effect on protein synthesis, and its impact on the body's ability to use and transport sulfur—not to mention several landmark legal cases—tells a very different story.

In Toxic Legacy, senior research scientist Stephanie Seneff, PhD, delivers compelling evidence based on countless published, peer-reviewed studies—all in frank, illuminating, and always accessible language."

Read more: <https://orgcns.org/47YFg32>

## Our Second Brain: More Than a Gut Feeling

By Heather Gerrie, University of British Columbia:

"The human gut contains more nerve cells than the spinal cord and exerts significant influence on the brain.

You don't need a degree in neuroscience to suspect that the brain and gut are somehow connected. The feeling of "butterflies" in our stomach when we prepare to give a presentation, stress-induced stomach ulcers, emotional eating, and even our intuition showing up in the form of a "gut feeling," all provide clues that the brain and gut are talking to each other.

But the brain and gut are far more connected than most of us realize. In fact, emerging evidence is showing that the gut-brain axis is one of the most powerful relationships in our body."

Read more: <https://orgcns.org/3YZIz5I>

## Children's Voices Must Be Heard on Climate Crisis, Says U.N. Rights Body

Isabella Kaminski writes for The Guardian:

"In a strongly worded formal opinion published on Monday, the Committee on the Rights of the Child concludes that the triple planetary crisis – the climate emergency, the collapse of biodiversity and pervasive pollution – "is an urgent and systemic threat to children's rights globally".

The committee outlines the immediate risks that children face from poor air and water quality, a lack of food safety and exposure to toxic pollutants such as lead – especially children with disabilities, belonging to minority or Indigenous groups, and living in areas vulnerable to climate breakdown and disasters.

The UN opinion spells out, for the first time, that states have a duty to safeguard a clean, healthy and sustainable environment for young people alive today, as well as future generations."

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