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Dear Minister Colwell,

In response to our phone conversation of February 11, 2016 I have consulted with the Nova Scotia Beekeepers Association executive and a few other commercial beekeepers. We discussed your suggested changes to import protocol and inspections for this coming pollination season.

The Nova Scotia Beekeepers Association Executive are maintaining their position, requesting that the Nova Scotia Department of Agriculture stop issuing import permits for honeybee colonies. We believe that this is the best option for reducing the risks of importing small hive beetle in to Nova Scotia and will provide the best protection to the honey bee industry and the wild pollinator populations.

The beekeepers of Nova Scotia are committed to continuing the growth of hive numbers in Nova Scotia.

We will wait to hear your decision. If you have any additional questions or wish to discuss our request further please feel free to contact me.

Yours truly

*Paul Kittilsen*

Paul Kittilsen, President  
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