

Senators Barbara Boxer, Robert Casey and Susan Collins invite you to attend:

**Pollinators and Agricultural Security:
An Update on Research, Conservation and Legislative Opportunities**

Wednesday, April 9th at 3pm in SD-406 EPW Committee Room

In the fall of 2006 the National Research Council published the report “Status of Pollinators in North America” which highlighted troubling declines in managed and native pollinators, and a serious void in our scientific understanding of their populations. Around that same time a devastating phenomenon termed Colony Collapse Disorder emerged, wiping out an estimated ¼ of managed U.S. honeybee colonies.

Given the vital role that honeybees and other pollinators play in the production of most fruit, vegetable, animal feed, and seed crops, their continued decline will have significant impacts on our agricultural, economic, and natural systems.

Please join us on Wednesday, April 9th at 3pm for a unique opportunity to hear a panel of expert stakeholders. Scientists, researchers, beekeepers, conservationists and farmers will discuss their work, the far reaching implications continued declines in pollinator populations will have, and what is being done now to avert a potential crisis.

Following an hour of comprehensive presentations, we will be conducting a Q&A / legislative roundtable to further explore opportunities to address the issue.

Panelists:

May R. Berenbaum, Chair, National Academy of Sciences Committee on the
Status of North American Pollinators

Jeff Pettis, Research Leader, USDA-ARS Bee Research Laboratories

Zac Browning, President, American Beekeeping Federation

Richard Adey, Board Member, American Honey Producers Association

Doug Holy, National Invasive Species Specialist, Natural Resources

Conservation Service

Mace Vaughan, Conservation Director, Xerces Society for Invertebrate
Conservation

Ernie Shea, Coordinator, Native Pollinators in Agriculture Work Group

Tom Van Arsdall, Public Affairs Rep, The Pollinator Partnership

Moderated By:

Scott Hoffman Black, Executive Director, Xerces Society for Invertebrate
Conservation