**SAMPLE LETTER**

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Dear Congressman/Senator: (*your congressman/senator name*)

I am an active beekeeper and honey producer in (*name your district/state*) and I am asking your support.

Please support the [Honey Integrity Act (H.R 2162) (HIA)](https://www.tuberville.senate.gov/wp-content/uploads/Tuberville-Bee-Bill2.pdf) and join U.S. Senator Tommy Tuberville (R-AL) as a co-sponsor of this legislation. U.S. Representatives Greg Steube (R-FL-17) and Jimmy Panetta (D-CA-19) are leading the companion legislation in the U.S. House of Representatives. I also urge you to do all you can to ensure action is taken on this legislation as soon as possible. The Honey Integrity Act will provide much needed protections for honey including:

* **Creates a Federal Standard of Identity for Honey**: Requires the FDA to establish a formal definition and standard for honey to prevent mislabeling and ensure product integrity.
* **Enhances Federal Oversight**: Directs the Secretary of Health and Human Services to submit a report to Congress detailing enforcement actions against adulterated and misbranded honey.
* **Mandates the Destruction of Adulterated Honey**: Ensures that when fraudulent honey is identified, it is destroyed— protecting consumers and honest beekeepers.
* **Strengthens Consumer Protection Without Expanding Government**: Holds fraudulent sellers accountable while avoiding unnecessary government expansion, fees, or regulatory burdens.
* **Accountability Without Government Overreach**: The Honey Integrity Act creates the Honey Integrity Program, an enforcement mechanism to stop those who misrepresent or knowingly sells adulterated or misbranded honey. This program will be created without requiring additional federal employees or costly government programs.

The Honey Integrity Act legislation is highly important to establish a national standard for honey, enhance enforcement against fraudulent honey sales, and protect American beekeepers. Only through legislation action will the U.S. consumer be assured when they purchase honey it is indeed honey.

We need your support in assuring the Honey Integrity Act becomes law. Our industry is facing very serious economic challenges due to parasites, adulteration, and recent high colony losses of over 60% percent in 2024-2025. Honey bees are critical to a healthy and productive agricultural economy. Passage of the Honey Integrity Act will be a major step in addressing some of the critical issues facing our industry.

I appreciate your support of America’s beekeeping families. If you or your staff have any have any questions, please contact me at the information below.

Sincerely,

Your Name

Your Contact Info (email & phone number)