

Judge Wayne Andersen
c/o Andrew Boutros
United States Attorney
Northern District of Illinois
Federal Building
219 South Dearborn Street, 5th Floor
Chicago, IL 60604

Dear Judge Andersen:

As U.S. beekeepers, we have been faced with an ever-increasing array of honey imports from countries that have no commercial domestic production. Since these imports are entering the United States without paying the U.S. antidumping duty on Chinese honey, they are further straining our financial ability to survive, at a time when we are already struggling with colony collapse disorder.

Honey bees are needed to pollinate countless fruit, vegetable and seed crops across the United States. In fact, one out of every three bites of food that is consumed in the U.S. comes from a crop that has been pollinated by a honey bee.

Mr. Yong Xiang Yan is one of the perpetrators that chose to make millions of dollars by evading our food safety and trade laws, so he deserves the stiffest sentence that you are able to order. We believe that he needs to spend a lengthy time in prison, with the greatest possible fine to demonstrate that the United States will not tolerate such egregious disregard of our laws that are designed to safeguard U.S. food producer and consumers.

We, the undersigned represent only a small sampling of the U.S. beekeepers, but we also sign on behalf of our many hard-working colleagues in the honey sector with legitimate businesses who are finding their very existence threatened by conspiracies to avoid U.S. antidumping duties. By ensuring that Mr. Yan is subject to a severe sentence, you will discourage Mr. Yan and others from engaging in such activities in the future.

Signed at 2010 North American Beekeeping Conference in Orlando, Fla., Jan. 12-16, 2010.

Sincerely,

Name

City/State

Name

City/State

Name

City/State