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## Senator O'Mara's weekly column 'From the Capitol' ~ for the week of February 27, 2017 ~ 'Declining bee populations threaten agriculture'

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Strengthening the oversight, protection and recovery of native and managed honeybee and other native pollinator populations -- the “unsung heroes of agriculture and food security” -- cannot go overlooked. New York State’s ongoing collaboration with key stakeholders is facilitating vital action in developing and implementing an effective and successful long-term Pollinator Protection Plan and other health strategies. It represents a critical agricultural, environmental and economic challenge.

Senator O'Mara offers his weekly perspective on many of the key challenges and issues facing the Legislature, as well as on legislative actions, local initiatives, state programs and policies, and more. Stop back every Monday for Senator O'Mara's latest column "From the Capitol..."

This week, "**Declining bee populations threaten agriculture**"