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DAVID A. PATERSON
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Chris Harp
133 Plains Road
New Paltz, New York 12561

Dear Mr. Harp:

I want to commend your tremendous work in fostering awareness and knowledge of naturalistic and organic beekeeping practices in New York State.

Your unique, empathetic approach to the plight of the honeybee has encouraged greater consideration of the reciprocal relationship between this invaluable creature and humans. By emphasizing care and respect for the honeybee over opportunism and disregard, your teachings provide a healthier alternative for modern apiculture as well as a broader human message of the significance of compassion in contemporary society.

Please accept my profound admiration for your exemplary work, and best wishes for all your future endeavors.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David A. Paterson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

DAVID A. PATERSON