

Honorable senators,

My Name is Jason Conrad. I have a 4,000 hive Beekeeping business, in Thompson Nd this is my 18th year and like all agricultural enterprises it has its ups and downs. This bill would be a notice of bankruptcy for not only me but for the entire ND. Beekeeping industry. The assumption that we can simply move our bees 1/4 mile from any county road is made in gross ignorance.

The reason we put our bees where we do has to do with access and availability from the land owner not laziness . If I am pollinating a crop or producing honey I put the bees in a location that best suits the farmer upon who's land I place my bees.

I would estimate conservatively, that 80% of the states bee locations would no longer be usable. Not just no longer usable but also irreplaceable. That being said, if magically there was a way we could move all the bees 1/4 of a mile away from the road it would not guarantee that there would be no bees in the roadways or flying around and places that might bother people, anymore than moving a farm 1/4 of a mile away from the road with eliminate dust or smells or noise or any of the other things that people complain about farms.

This bill is completely unnecessary , discriminatory and to the best of my knowledge would not pass constitutional muster in the state of North Dakota I hope that common sense can prevail here. This bill must not be passed.

Thank you very much for taking the time to read this testimony.