

North Dakota Senate Agriculture and Veterans Affairs Committee

Re: SB 2134

Dear Concerned Legislators:

I write in strong opposition to proposed to Senate Bill SB 2134, legislation to restrict beekeeping operations in the vicinity of roadways.

There are two reasons for my opposition to this legislation: First, safety to the public is not an issue. Beekeeping is a relatively safe endeavor, and honey bees are gentle creatures outside their hives. Second, the proposal to remove bee hives and manage them away from roadways is simply not feasible.

I ask that you please rely upon the informed knowledge and experience of your North Dakota beekeepers when considering the proposed legislation. Senate Bill SB 2134 is an unworkable proposal that cannot be considered anywhere in the country.

Thank you,

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