

To whom it may concern,

I'm writing today to oppose the quarter mile from the edge of the roadway limitation.

This limitation will hurt our operation in numerous ways.

1. **Agreement** First of all this is an agreement between the land owner and the beekeeper. We put the bees where they want them. They don't want bees in the middle of their fields in their way. Row crops especially. They need to be on the outside perimeter which is obviously by highways/county roads.
2. **Terrain** Beekeepers need their hives close to a gate, which is almost always by a highway/county road, due to the terrain. If we get a reasonable amount of moisture we need to still be able to get to our hives to treat/feed them. Having our hives closer to the gate gives us better chances of getting in and out without getting stuck and tearing up the land owner's property.
3. **Loss of Bee Yards** I would say 75% of my yards are within a quarter mile of a roadway. Sure some of them could be moved further back but the terrain of the land doesn't allow that. So I'm supposed to just give up those yards because it isn't physically possible to get them one quarter mile off the roadway?
4. **Pesticides** Yards that we have on ranch ground we try to keep the bees on opposite side of the property if it is next to row crops to avoid drift from pesticides. The further we have to move them in the close they are to catching drift from spraying potentially killing or harming the health of the hives.