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To all concerned on the North Dakota Senate Agriculture & Veterans Affairs Public Hearing,

Regarding SB 2134, I stand opposed. John Miller, President of the North Dakota Beekeepers Association makes some excellent points with which I agree because of the thoughtless blanketed restriction throughout the entire state of North Dakota without regard for the good of the farmer, the good of the honey bee and intimately THE GOOD OF OUR NATION'S FOOD SUPPLY. You take a story of a motorcyclist and don't let a good tragedy go to waste. It would be against the good of this nation to restrict honey bees in North Dakota. Let the landowners and the beekeepers settle this. By the way, most of the farm lands with honey bees are on dirt highways ... not exactly the place for motorcycles or bicyclist or pedestrians anyway. I happen to also a bicyclist and when I ride in biking gear along the highway beside beeyards containing more than 200 hives I have NEVER been stung, not once. **I would walk any road within anything under a quarter mile beside beeyards without my suit because I know that the bees are busy following pollen and nectar.** This is about the food supply and about destroying an entire industry and its entire sphere of influence made up of living creatures – the honey bees. I stand opposed to restricting placement of honey bee hives! Honey bees need to work flowers and pollinate plants. Americans need to eat. Farmers need to profit from their lands. You will gain no good thing by implementing such a knee jerk restriction. I own property in Tioga.

Sincerely,

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