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Sixty-eighth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota Introduced by Senators Vedaa, Conley
Representatives Dockter, M. Ruby

SENATE BILL NO. 2134

SECTION 1. Section 4.1-16-08.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows: 4.1 - 16 - 08.1. Placement or location of a hive - Limitation. 1. A beekeeper may not place or locate a hive within one-quarter mile [.40 kilometer] from the nearest edge of a roadway within the county road system as provided for in chapter 24 - 05, the state highway system as provided for in chapter 24 - 01, or a federal highway within this state.

Testimony:

Hello, my name is James Gardiner and operate UHB, LLC out of Westhope, North Dakota. Operating a beekeeping business out of Westhope, North Dakota, I strongly oppose this legislation.

As an owner of property alongside roadway within a county road system, I strongly oppose this legislation.

- 1) First, this legislation proposes a TAKING of property rights of landowners. This legislation is a vote against landowner rights. This legislation limits the way a landowner may choose what to do and how to utilize their land to the highest and best use.

Thank you for the opportunity to strongly oppose this legislation that chooses to ignore landowner rights and limit the ability of honeybees to increase crop values and production across the entire state of North Dakota.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James Gardiner", with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

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