

My name is Doug Perkins. I am the owner of Perkins Honey Farm which has been in operation in North Dakota since 1996. I am writing in OPPOSITION to SB 2134.

I currently run 10,000 hives in eastern North Dakota and western North Dakota. This new proposed Bill will greatly hamper the success of any beekeeping operation in North Dakota. As it is, with beekeepers coming from states all over the US, locations are extremely difficult to obtain. Requiring beekeepers to place hives at a quarter of a mile into the field will only make it more difficult.

Due to field and weather conditions, placing the beehives near the approach is preferable. However, we always place the bees where the landowner wants them. Example, away from farmsteads, cattle waters, buildings, etc. This places even more limitations on where the bees may be set.

In rainy conditions, fields will be torn up, and CRP locations will be rutted.

With the proposed bill, at current, 90% of the locations I have registered with the state of North Dakota would be eliminated.

I stand firmly against this Bill.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Doug Perkins

Perkins Honey Farm

Aneta, ND