

**Garrison Bay Honey Co., LLC
801 Highway 37 West
Garrison, North Dakota 58540**

Senate Bill 2134

Members of the Committee:

I write in **opposition** of Senate Bill 2134.

Testimony: I am the owner and President of Garrison Bay Honey Company LLC in Garrison, ND. Our beekeeping business was established in 2003 and employs over 22 people. We keep over 300 private land sites, across 6 counties. Over 80% of these locations are within ¼ mile of a county road. This law would be unachievable for my business.

This law does little or nothing to keep honeybees from crossing roads. Honeybees fly over 2 miles to collect nectar and pollen. A bee's flight direction is driven by vegetation and water. Next, a farmer won't be able to plant their crops with ¼ mile from a road.

The beekeeping industry is an important part of North Dakota's economy. Our state is the number 1 honey producing state. This legislation will limit the ability of honeybees to increase crop values and production.

This legislation proposes a taking of property rights of landowners. Landowners should have the right to choose how they utilize their land.

Thank you for the opportunity to strongly oppose this legislation.

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