

Dear ND lawmakers, I'm Chris Hiatt President of AHPA , we represent over 700,000 hives and almost half the honey produced in the country. We think this proposed law is unworkable, restricts the rights of landowners, and would devastate the industry. Over 50 of my beeyards are off highway in SW ND and I could run the chance of losing them. We recommend to all beekeepers to keep hives at least 300 feet away from roads. A quarter mile (440 yards) is so far off the road, many landowners don't want us to run over that much more alfalfa, CRP or grass. We understand that there are a few locations too close to the road, that should be dealt with through the apiary department on a one-on-one level. South Dakota has passed no law on this, the state bee association recommends and tells it members to be 300 ft. away and it has worked for them. Thanks, Chris Hiatt