I write in strong opposition to Senate Bill 2134.

As a resident of North Dakota, and a commercial beekeeper that solely depends on Honeybees as a means to live by.

I find this presented SB2134 to be in direct conflict to the unalienable rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

In the event SB2134 should pass, it would make myself and many others in the bee industry lose their ability to sustain and make a living in an already tough industry.

If you are from North Dakota one would know from driving around and looking at the terrain that a 1/4 mile "bee yard" setback from all roads (as proposed in the aforementioned bill) is completely idiotic in nature, neither is it 80-90% of the time feasible as the great farmers/landowners have the final say as to where a bee yard is to be located so as to not interfere with their operations.

As a landowner myself this SB2134 would make it illegal for me to operate my agricultural business on my own land as it would be in violation of the 1/4 mile from roadway setback rule.

I can only see this would result in numerous lawsuits against the state of North Dakota if this were to pass.

As a 5th generation commercial beekeeper I oppose and would only hope that the committee would vote against and terminate this bill.

Sincerely,

Daniel Bennett

"A wise and frugal government, which shall leave men free to regulate their own pursuits of industry and improvement, and shall not take from the mouth of labor the bread it has earned — this is the sum of good government."

-Thomas Jefferson