

Ladies and Gentlemen of the Committee and Legislature:

My name is John R. Miller. I am a beekeeper from Gackle, Logan County, North Dakota.

I serve the beekeeping industry as President of the North Dakota Beekeepers Association.

The 2023 version of Senate Bill 2134 is a nearly verbatim copy of a 2013 bill.

I testified against the 2013 bill. I today, a decade later, testify against the 2023 bill.

If this measure appears in the 2033 legislature, I will testify against the bill ten years from now.

Beekeepers in this room provided meaningful testimony concerning S.B. 2134.

35 Beekeepers unable to attend posted over three dozen comments opposing this measure.

Beekeeper comments represent over 10% of all North Dakota Beekeepers.

Their observations are accurate and heart-felt.

Beekeepers have many issues to contend with.

Like the Ladies and Gentlemen of the Committee – we have better things to do.

This measure is a legislative betrayal of the beekeeping families of North Dakota.

This measure is a legislative betrayal of North Dakota landowner property rights.

If the N.D. Legislature supports North Dakota agriculture and beekeeping, there is no other position to take on S. B. 2134 than Do Not Pass.