

To: ND Legislative Assembly

From: Karsyn Haag

Re: SB NO. 2343

This testimony is in opposition to SB NO. 2343. Requiring beekeepers to place their hives ½ mile from the road is not a solution for the interaction of bees that come into contact with the vehicles that pass on the road. It is assumed that as a motor vehicle operator there is a risk every time you drive that bugs, BEES, and additional animals might hit your vehicle while driving. As someone who personally knows a few beekeepers in my area specifically, this bill will only cause additional roadblocks for the bee population that is already struggling. For example, access points down sections lines or away from gates by the road cause large concern for beekeepers as well as additional issues for the landowners. This would mean landowners would have to then create additional access points for beekeepers to access their honey. North Dakota is known for their successful honey production, so why are we trying to hinder that? Shouldn't we be proud of such a positive/successful industry? Please do not pass SB NO. 2343.

Respectfully,
Karsyn Haag