

I, Scotty Simpson object to the this measure of moving bee colonies off the road for half a mile.

I'm a third generation beekeeper and have over 20 years of experience.

Our colonies travel to 4 different states. I am currently in California and am ordered by the landowners to place bees in their almond orchards. Some of these bee colonies are no more than 30 feet off of the main road. A public highway, I have seen people ride the bicycles by the colonies on their way to work.

I am wondering why of all states it works just fine in California, but it is not working in North Dakota?

Also this new measure will impact every single one of my bee yard locations in North Dakota.

I'm curious, if a landowner wants me to put bee's on his land to pollinate his crop but there is no access. Is this farmer supposed to not plant a strip of his field to allow me to drive ½ of a mile away from the road. Doesn't this landowner have rights? Is it the states power to tell landowners where they can place livestock on their own land?

This is an absolute overstep of government and a infringement of landowners rights.

This measure does not benefit any beekeepers and will only add struggle to an already difficult industry.