

This testimony by Wayne Haag of 2165 36<sup>th</sup> Ave SW, Center ND 58530 is in **opposition** to Bill SB2343. This bill is a bill relating to the placement or location of a beehive; and to provide a penalty.

First off, do our legislators not have enough to do to introduce a bill such as this. What harm is there in having bee hives next to the highway. Is it the concern of having a dirty windshield? It certainly cannot be that it is so intrusive that it hinders a persons driving ability. I understand that some bees are being killed by passing cars, but the issue of dead bees isn't the concern here, because if the agriculture commissioner cannot locate the bee keeper the bees will be destroyed anyway according to the bill being passed.

Do not pass this bill. There are times the land owner does not want the bee keeper driving all over their property destroying grass and crops, and the best location is sometimes next to the road. It is getting harder and harder to find property to put bees, do not limit this potential also.

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