

Thompson Apiaries, Inc.

To Whom It May Concern,

Thompson Apiaries, Inc. of New Rockford, ND is a multi-generational, family-owned business that has operated in North Dakota for more than 60 years. We are very proud to contribute to making North Dakota the top producing honey state in the United States.

When selecting locations for beehive placement, the landowner and beekeeper agree to the placement of the hives upon the property. Most of the time, the landowner directs the exact placement location of the beeyard. Many of our hive locations have been in the exact same location for more than 60 years. The placement location is determined by road access to the property, crops grown in the area and the farming activity.

Landowners are very welcoming of beehives on their land as the pollination aspect of having honeybees near crops increases the production rate of those crops.

Thompson Apiaries, Inc. strongly objects to SB 2343. This bill takes away the landowner's right to control what happens on their property. It would also have a devastating impact on agricultural production in North Dakota, both the crops grown by farmers and honey created during the pollination process.

Please consider the restriction of landowner rights and the economic impact SB 2343 would have on the agricultural industry of North Dakota as you make your decision on advancing this bill.

Best Regards,

Thompson Apiaries, Inc.
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