



To Whom it may concern:

My name is Ryan Thomas, and I am a 2<sup>nd</sup> generation beekeeper along with my son Jared, a 3<sup>rd</sup> generation beekeeper. Our family has been keeping bees in Cavalier, Ramsey, Towner, and Walsh County in North Dakota since 1998. Our sole income is from beekeeping and HB 2343 would put our family business out of business. We also own 25 abandoned missile sites, along with our shops we own would not comply with House Bill 2343 thus putting us out of business and a majority of other beekeeping business. The placement of these bee yards is at the request of the landowners.

Ryan and Jared Thomas