

To Whom it May Concern,

My name is Victor Seppi and I am opposed to SB 2343. I live in Alsen with my wife and 4 kids, where I run a family bee business with my brothers which, Lord willing, I will be able to pass it down to my sons. We have been coming to ND since 2015 with the bees now spending 8 months of the year here.

Where the bees are located is determined by the land owner/farmer. This bill would impact our relationships with farmers. It would also ban the use of our shop for winter storage of bees and honey extraction because it is within 1/2 mile of state highway. This is a huge asset that we have invested greatly into. I would basically no longer be able to have a business here

This bill also infringes on the rights of property owners, telling them where they can or cannot put bees on their land. Primarily, we ask farmers for locations to put our bees but we have many good friends with hives on their property that love having the bees on there. This would intrude upon their rights as land owners to determine what they can and can't do on their own property. My business also owns several pieces of land that we have bought through the years. This bill would cause us to not be able to use our own land for our family business.

If SB2343 were to pass it would also have a financial impact on the state. The fact that each year brings new people in (even on a temporary basis) brings the benefit of local levels having an increase in revenue which is felt statewide.

Because we are an agricultural state, this bill's requirements would be no different than asking farmers to no longer drive their tractors on the roadways because people do not like having to drive slowly behind them or having to go around them.

I have put my roots down in North Dakota with my wife and children and have a deep desire to stay. This is my home and I love what I do. Please vote NO on SB2343.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Victor Seppi