

I, Ryan J. Myklebust, a North Dakota resident, a ND licensed beekeeper (#816), am in opposition to SB 2343. I only own land within the proposed ½ mile setback of a State Highway, so this will make it illegal for me to keep bees. I keep bees as a hobby and currently only have 3 hives. I do not have interest in, nor resources available to keep bees on property owned by others. My bees are kept in a location that is not susceptible to bee/vehicle interactions, but this blanket ½ mile setback still affects me. What is the reason for this bill? Have you reviewed the apiary location map to see how many people this will affect? What will the fine be and how will it be enforced? More government regulation is not the answer, it is the problem.