

90% of my locations are within a quarter mile of a county road. In the 45 years I've been keeping bees in North Dakota, I have yet to receive a complaint about the presence of my bees. Enacting this bill would eliminate many of my locations, where it would be impractical or impossible to resituate them. Farmers don't want apiaries in the middle of their fields and pastures. In wet years it's already problem enough to get to many locations, even when they're near roads. I realize that there can be problems with high concentrations of hives near roadways. I'm not opposed to dealing with these on a case by case basis. But this bill's blanket approach is not well thought out. It would needlessly disrupt a thriving and vital sector of our agriculture. I would encourage its sponsors to be in contact with the North Dakota Beekeepers' Association to work toward a reasonable solution.

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