

good morning my name is jeremiah kuhnenn from bantry,nd Im the owner of bulldog honey farms and a 12 yr member of the norsemen motorcycle club, ive been riding motorcycle for 38 years motorcycling it has been a love of mine, since I was a kid. Getting on the bike going for a quick run with my son, riding for a memorial of a brother thats passed or a fundraiser our club does every year to raise money for diabetes, I live for those moments. Yes, I see bee hives while riding I also see cows in pastures by the road moose, elk, deer this list could go on forever. Ive lost friends whove hit deer and died, whos to blame for the deer?? Game and fish or maybe the land owner that the deer crossed over and ran in front of you. Anytime you get on a bike or in a vehicle your taking a chance.. me and my wife have been in the bee business since 2004. Together we run our bees around mchenry, Bottineau,pierce,ward and rolette, counties setting the hives out in hopes of producing a honey crop. We work with farmers, ranchers, friends, and families when placing bees in registered yards always being considerate of placement. All yards following with the rules of the north Dakota agriculture department have the beekeepers name address phone number and license number. North Dakota is the #1 honey producing state in the united states which brings beekeepers in hoping for a chance to make some honey. The wild flowers and foliage is disappearing making it harder for the bees more crp and alfalfa is getting ripped up into crop land the bees are losing that natural foliage. A honey bee can travel up to 2 miles for nectar so im telling you placing bees out is a strategic move for a beekeeper. I can not vouch for all beekeeper because there are those that come into north Dakota and drop a bee yard wherever they can, but im not one of them. I take pride in knowing im working with the land owner and if there is a problem I will do whatever to fix the wrong.

In conclusion north Dakota is a agriculture state, bees are already losing countless acres of natural foliage if you pass this law to move bees back ¼ mile from all paved roads around north Dakota this will have a devastating inpack on bees and the beekeepers this is our livelihood.

thank you for your time