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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Agriculture, Land Use, Natural
Resources, and Water

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4153

My parents lived in the Hood River Valley for 33 years, and I consider it like home to me, even though my permanent residence is in Colorado. HB 4153 is designed to eviscerate exclusive farm use zoning and destroy the land use system that makes Oregon special. I don't want Oregon to be Florida or Texas. There are innumerable entertainment and retail conglomerates just waiting for a bill like this in order to buy up our farm land and plaster it with concert venues, commercial events, and food service outlets. Don't be fooled; the bill has so many loopholes that none of these operations need have any real basis in local farming.

This is a terrible bill and the wrong path for Oregon.

I am opposed to HB4153!