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I am concerned that HB 4153 is designed to eviscerate exclusive farm use zoning and destroy the wonderful land use system that makes Oregon special. I don't want Oregon to turn into a 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. Please don't be fooled; the bill has so many loopholes that none of these operations need have any real basis in local farming. My family has lived in the Hood River valley for 46 years and we have been so appreciative of our strong land use laws, which have helped to keep this such a special, beautiful place.

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