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On Behalf Of:

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

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4153

Please don't destroy the protections for Oregon farms we have worked so long and hard to establish. With climate change accelerating, spreading out commercial developments and encouraging more commuting is an even worse idea than destroying farms. If we blow this our grand children will be the ones to suffer. Do we even care?

For decades, Oregon has made deliberate policy choices to concentrate commercial development inside urban growth boundaries, protecting downtown businesses while protecting agricultural land for agricultural use. HB 4153 moves the state in the opposite direction and risks incremental—but permanent—erosion of EFU protections.

I respectfully ask you to oppose HB 4153 and to support Oregon's core land use principles: Protecting farmland, supporting production agriculture, and ensuring the vitality of our cities and towns by keeping nonfarm commercial development where it belongs.

Please vote "No" on HB 4153.