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On Behalf Of:

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

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4153

I Oppose this. I want to keep Hood River County and other counties EXCLUSIVE FARM USE!

HB 4153 is unfair to rural residential landowners. We have a reasonable expectation that adjoining Exclusive Farm Use zoned land will be used for farming, not for retail stores, commercial kitchens, restaurants, concerts, amusement parks, zoos, and entertainment venues. We expect and accept the necessary noise and inconvenience that comes with being part of a farming community. But rural residential landowners – and our farming neighbors – should not be forced to deal with non-farm uses that belong in commercial and manufacturing zones. Please kill this bill.

This bill is unfair to farmers who use farm stands to market their own crops. Some years ago, for example, one farm stand on Highway 35 in Hood River County put in a soft-serve ice cream machine. Within months, half a dozen other stands lining the road did the same in order to compete. Farmers selling only their crops cannot and should not have to make the investment required to compete with retail stores and entertainment venues.

Please OPPOSE this bill!!