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On Behalf Of:

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

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4153

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 tailor-made for one specific permit application currently under appeal in Hood River County. The legislative process should not be co-opted for the benefit of specific individuals.

This bill does not help farmers who actually want to farm, and was crafted by the Oregon Property Owners Association (formerly Oregonians in Action) who have been attempting to open up farmland to unfettered commercial development for many years.

Please DO NOT pass this bill.