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On Behalf Of:

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

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4153

I strongly oppose HB 4153 It places profit before people (and animals) and goes light years beyond anything currently permitted in the Exclusive Farm Use zone. It would require counties to permit:

- “Farm stores” selling anything, so long as they also offer an undefined amount of farm products. A Harley Davidson store with a basket of apples on the counter?
- Any activity that promotes visitors and sales. A Harley Davidson motorbike rally?
- Commercial and seasonal events of any kind. A summer concert series next door to you? A Google corporate retreat?
- Classes, play structures and amusement parks, animal exhibits, arenas and other open structures. Fill in the blanks.
- Meal service that “educates the public”, so long as some undefined portion was grown in Oregon or an adjacent county. Ditto.

This bill makes a mockery of the exclusive farm use zone and Oregon’s tradition of protecting agricultural land. Please do not allow it move forward.