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On Behalf Of:

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

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4153

My Name is Rebecca Oliver and I am a community member in Bandon. I am writing to you today to express my opposition to HB 4153. Farm stands are a vital part of connecting the public with our food system and building an understanding of what it takes to go from field to fork. But HB 4153 would restrict who is allowed to have a farm stand, replace current definitions with Farm Stores, and give large land owners privileges at the expense of small farm stands in Oregon. We need to find a better solution.

I care about this because farm stands are part of the fabric of rural and coastal communities like Bandon. They support small producers, create local jobs, and give residents and visitors alike direct access to fresh, locally grown food. Restricting farm stands in favor of larger “farm stores” risks squeezing out the very farmers who rely on these small-scale, seasonal outlets to stay viable. Oregon’s land-use policies should protect and encourage small farms—not create barriers that favor scale over stewardship.

We are asking you to not place a higher burden on the smallest farms. This bill takes away opportunities from small land holders and farms in order for larger operations to be able to host more events. This is not a good bargain for Oregon and a better deal must be found.

Thank you,
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