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On Behalf Of:
Committee: House Committee On Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources, and Water
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4153

To Whom it May Concern:

I am leaving you this message to consider the unintended consequences of the bill as written, even with some of the proposed amendments added to it.

I frequent many farm stands, including a couple with "Honor Boxes". I get the best Berries and Pies I have ever had in my life from places right in my back yard! The way this bill is written, several, if not all of them would be put out of business because of the size / gross receipts requirements as written.

Further, Travel Oregon has features about the Coast Food Tour, Wild Rivers Food Tour, the Cranberry Coast, etc. Many of the featured business on these lists would be put out of business because they would no longer be able to comply with the law should this bill pass (even with proposed amendments).

Please reconsider this bill as many people beyond just me, get significant portions of our diet from these small farms that dot US 101 from Bandon all the way down the coast. Strawberries, Lettuce, Arugula, Spices, Tree Fruit, Blueberries, Farm Fresh Eggs, Bakery Items - all done in a uniquely Oregon way would cease to exist should HB 4153 pass as proposed!

I am sure that you in the legislature are not trying to put small family farms out of business while trying to address another issue or problem. I strongly and respectfully request that HB 4153 be pulled from the session and be re-drafted to address the unintended collateral damage it will cause if passed.

Sincerely Yours

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