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To whom it may concern:

I am writing in support of HB 4153 and writing a few words why I find it invaluable to support our local Oregon farms in all aspects including this bill. I grew up on a caneberry now hazelnut farm and my family is still farming with a broadened avenue. I also worked for nearly 20 years with Wooden Shoe Tulip Farm. Farming and selling products to the public for the livelihood of the people on the land in order to survive need our continued support! This farm along with so many agritourism related markets need to be allowed to sell directly to the public and share the importance and value of what the farmers provide. They provide FOOD a basic need for living. Basic needs are needed for humans to live. Working on this farm and my own family farms, it is hard work and important to Oregon and I send this testimony how it continues to be a part of who I am. I believe in sustainability and that if we care for our earth because of what it provides for us, we owe it a debt of kindness.

Thank you,
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