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On Behalf Of:

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

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4153

Dear Members of the Committee,

I am writing to express my support for House Bill 4153 and to share how Oregon's small farms matter to my family.

Small farms are not just businesses to us, they are places of connection, education, and community. They are where my daughter has taken many field trips(Topaz Farm)to learn where her food comes from, meet the people who grow it, and begin to understand the value of hard work, stewardship of the land, and caring for the environment.

As a parent, I value the opportunity to raise my child with access to fresh, locally grown food and to support farmers who prioritize sustainability, ethical practices, and the long-term health of Oregon's land. I myself don't take for granted the effects a visit to a small farm have had on me. I've spent numerous days, some rainy, some sunny walking these farms and have felt all the better for it. I don't want to imagine an Oregon where those experiences cease to exist.

Thank you for considering this bill and for supporting Oregon's small farmers, families, and communities.

Sincerely,  
Harley Meyer