

Submitter: Marinna Siri
On Behalf Of: our entire household
Committee: House Committee On Agriculture, Land Use, Natural
Resources, and Water
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4153

Co-Chairs Helm and Owens, Vice-Chair Finger McDonald, and members of the House Committee on Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources, and Water:

My Name is Marinna Siri and I am a very small farm and while I don't sell my wares at a farm stands I do shop at local farm stands where I can get the kind of food my family values. I am writing to you today to express my concern and 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 must to find a better solution.

I care deeply about this because where will it stop? If you limit our access to fresh local food, you put out of business tons of local families and place them in poverty and then what is next... you'll propose a bill that will not allow us to have our own farms and feed our own families? I ask that you stop here. We all need access to healthy local food that bless the farmers in our local communities.

Consider answering some of these questions or using these statements as a jumping off point in your testimony:

This is not a good bargain for Oregon and a better deal must be found.

Thank you,

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