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On Behalf Of:

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 Vicki Graham, and I am a community member in Port Orford, OR. 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 the table. 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.

I care about this because for the last ten years I have been buying produce at a local farm that would not meet the acreage requirements. This bill would deprive me, as well as many of the members of my community, of the opportunity to buy locally grown fresh produce.

I am asking you not to place a higher burden on the smallest farms. This bill takes away opportunities from small land holders and farms, and it deprives the communities they currently support.

Thank you,

Vicki Graham

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