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On Behalf Of:
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Topic:

To 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 Maggie Daly and I am longtime farmstand customer. 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 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 need to find a better solution.

I care about this because

- 1) Small farms need to have the same opportunities to sell their produce as larger farms.
- 2) Allowing small farm stands to operate as they have been will increase Oregon's food security, while creating the restrictions in the proposed measure will reduce it.

We are asking you to not place a higher burden on the smallest farms. This bill takes away opportunities from small land holders and farms in order for larger operations to be able to host more events. This is not a good bargain for Oregon and a better deal must be found.

Thank you.
Maggie Daly
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