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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 Jennifer Wunder and I am a COMMUNITY MEMBER and landowner of 80 acres, who plans to open a FARM STAND OPERATOR in Sixes with my family! 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:

I frequently go to a farm stand that would not meet the acreage requirements in section 2.2 of the bill.

Small farms need to have the same opportunities to sell their produce as larger farms.

Small farming important to you because these Farmers are members of my community and currently have existing Farm Stands that would be eliminated if this passed. They have CANNOT AFFORD to expand their farm; EVEN IF they could afford expanding the required acreage as suggested to operate, their current owners are not just going to annex them part of their property! The financial hardship an already Elites/Oligarch/Private Equity Controlled world...the small "guy" is losing and Our Politicians know it!

Our country, is already suffering immensely from just about every Industry being consolidated down to that a handful of Corporations; LETS NOT HAVE OREGON continue to go down the path which lacks competition and makes the Rich richer... Large acreage farmers should NOT gain privileges at the expense of smaller acre farmers!

Why should a small farm be any less legitimate than a large farm when it comes to defining farm use?

Can Oregon please STOP continue to have bills such as this continue to jeopardize our Small Farmers. It's beyond stressful and continues to reinforce that Politicians don't work for the people but for the Donors.

Let's together change the trajectory of this spiraling over reach by Large Corporations...

Let's Remember: Small Farms that cannot be replaced by A.I. ??