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I am in support of HB 4153. I love to take my family to the various farms in the area to have a close up experience with farm life that we couldn't have without agro tourism. We buy fresh local produce, dairy products, and listen to live music out in fields under the summer sky. Every carved pumpkin on our front porch represents a farm visit and core family memory that we look back on with fondness. We love the corn mazes and picking our own fruit and choosing the perfect Christmas tree. My kids now 13, 17, and 20 have been privileged to grow up visiting the cows, pigs, goats, rabbits, llamas, roosters and all other manner of farm animal. They've learned where food comes from, and have an understanding of the respect farmers deserve for their hard work. This glimpse of a different way of life broadens their perspective and makes them more grateful people. I think it would be such shame to lose these really special opportunities that have shaped our family. Please support HB 4153 for my family and future generations.