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On Behalf Of:

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My name is Barbara and I and my daughter operate a farmstand on our property in the summer when produce is abundant. We would not fall under the limits of this bill. Our elderly neighbors who consider it difficult to drive to town (25 mins one way) love being able to get fresh produce. Why would you want to limit access to fresh produce for rural people? Also, you are punishing farmers with smaller acreage and taking income away from them and in return, giving large farms an advantage. Why? There are only a few large farms in the Umpqua Valley. We want all farmers treated equally and land income protected. Please do not strip away our right to offer produce to our neighbors. The farm direct law was written for farmers like my family. The farm stand is the simplest form of farm commerce. Farmers should always have the right to sell their own product from their farm property as an outright allowed use. The way this bill is written replaces farm stands in the law with these new laws about farm stores. We want to ensure that we are not outlawing the most simple form of farm commerce available. Someone with an honor system stand where they sell extra produce from their garden at the end of their driveway should not be subject to a permit and should not be prohibited.