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On Behalf Of:
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Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4153

Hello,

I am writing to you today in support of HB4153 because even though I am technically not an Oregonian, I am in close proximity just over the Columbia river, and often come to Oregon for the local family farms and farmers markets.

Family farms are an essential part of Oregon's economy, culture, and communities. On-farm experiences like farm stands, school field trips, seasonal events, and agritourism help farms remain financially viable while keeping land in agriculture and away from being developed and paved over. These experiences provide educational value for classes, families and seasonal traditions that connect us to Oregon's agricultural roots.

HB4153 provides the clarity and stability farms need to operate responsibly and confidently. It modernizes outdated rules, supports local food systems, and protects the ability of family farms to welcome the public without unnecessary legal uncertainty. It brings common sense back to the farm zone, ensuring that the farms we all know and love can stay in business by selling their products directly to us and providing the fun, educational experiences we enjoy.

Many residents, both local and across the Columbia River, appreciate the bill for preserving the rural experiences that families and communities value so deeply.

Thank you for your time and consideration.