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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources, and Water

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4153

My Name is yvonne smith and I am a community member in port Orford in curry county.

I am writing today to express my opposition to HB4153 farm stands are vital part of our communities they provide and connect the public with food systems and build understanding of what it takes to go from field to fork or farm to table

BILL HB 4153 WOULD restrict who is allowed to have a farm stand to replace current definitions with farm stores, give large land owners privileges at the expense of small farm stands in Oregon,

we need to find better solutions; Bill HB 4153 will shift resources away from small farmers especial in our rural communities! those who bridge the gap for families who still want to provide health alterative food sources for our communities. Large agricultural corporations undermine the backbone of local food systems. Small and family farmers are reinvesting in our communities, protecting farmland, and practicing sustainable agriculture.

THIS BILL HB4153 legislation will accelerates the loss of independent farms, reduce competition, and leaves rural communities like ours with fewer jobs and less economic resilience.

I care about this because every summer we go to valley floral for fresh farm produce, being able to pick our own home-grown food is healthy for our family this family and their stand will not meet the acreage requirements in section 2.2 of the bill

Small farms like HUNTELL FARMS ON 101 deserve and need the same opportunities to sell their produce as much as the larger farms

Small farms are important to our communities because they reinvest in their communities, they provide healthy produce to our families with low-risk pesticide foods from larger cooperate farms

Farm stands provide jobs to our children in rural areas. they provide work experience to younger adults in our communities.

Small farm stands are how our family makes a living by selling our chicken eggs at farm stands with out them we are left with no sub income to provide other needs for our families

We are asking you not to place higher burden on small farms, HB1453 takes away from the smallest farms this is not a good Burgen for Oregon and a better deal should be found for these reasons below!

1 because it prioritizes corporate profit over fairness, food security, and long-term

sustainability. Instead of helping farmers who actually need support, it rewards scale and lobbying power. Over time, this kind of policy raises food prices, limits consumer choice, and puts more control of our food supply into fewer hands. A healthy agricultural system depends on diversity, not consolidation, opposing this bill will protect our local farmers who feed their communities without pushing them out to appease big agribusiness.

- HB 4153 Hurts small and family farmers

Cuts in support can be the difference between staying afloat and losing a farm that's been in a family for generations.

- HB 4153 Accelerates corporate consolidation

Fewer independent farms mean more power concentrated in the hands of a small number of agribusiness giants.

- HB 4153 Weakens rural economies

Small farms spend locally and create local jobs; big corporations often don't. When small farms disappear, towns follow.

- HB 4153 Reduces competition

Less competition leads to higher prices, fewer choices for consumers, and less innovation in farming practices.

- HB4153 Threatens food security

Relying on a handful of massive producers makes the food system more fragile in the face of disease, climate events, or supply-chain disruptions.

- HB 4153 Encourages unsustainable practices

Large-scale industrial farming is more likely to prioritize output over soil health, water quality, and long-term land stewardship.

- HB 4153 Rewards political influence, not need

The bill favors those with lobbying power instead of farmers who actually need support to survive.

- HB4153 Erodes fairness and trust in government

When policy clearly benefits corporations at the expense of working farmers,