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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 Adrienne Ferriss and I am a community member part of the year in Bandon. 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. These small farm stands are a vital part of not just the food system, but of the culture as well. They contribute to the health of the residents, and the economy, vitality, tourism value, live-ability, and charm of the community. Small farms need to have the same opportunities to sell their produce as larger farms. This bill discriminates against those small farms/farmers.

I am asking you to not place a higher burden on the smallest farms. This bill takes away opportunities from small land holders and farms in order for larger operations to be able to host more events. This is not a good bargain for Oregon and a better deal must be found. Please keep a level playing field and oppose this bill.

Thank you.