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On Behalf Of:
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Hello and thank you to all House Committee members on the floor for this hearing,

I am writing as a mother, precious farmhand & farm manager, and current small farmer who is growing her operation within the challenges of also growing little ones.

The amount of food that can be produced on less than 10 acres is extraordinary. I managed a farm with 7 acres of vegetables for 7 years and we would send over 60#+ of fresh produce to market 5 days a week.

Limiting farmers of this size from a farmstand approach is not beneficial to the community or to small farmers. Most small farmers are working with under 10 acres and are producing massive amounts of food with a work week that is way more intensive than any other job in the system these days.

We should allow these farmers this as an option. Farmstands are easy options for families to access fresh produce year round, right from their neighbors!

This is an important sales outlet for small farmers & we should work hard to keep them comfortable & thriving. They are growing the food that is nutrient dense and rich with minerals and freshly harvested.

We need more of these farmers.

Creating this bill would be another roadblock for small farmers entering the market.

Thank you for your time.

Be well,

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