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On Behalf Of:

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

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4153

Co-Chairs Helm and Owens, Vice-Chair Finger McDonald, and members of the
House Committee on Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources, and Water:

My name is Kendra and I am a community member from Klamath Falls, OR. 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 Klamath county is full of small farmers and ranchers, many of which who do not have a ton of acreage nor have the financial backing to invest in Farm Store infrastructure. Small farms should have the same opportunities to sell their produce as larger farms.

I am asking you to not add a higher burden on the smallest farms in Oregon. 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 solution must be found.

Thank you,
Kendra
Klamath Falls, OR