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On Behalf Of:
Committee: House Committee On Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources, and Water
Measure, Appointment or HB4153
Topic:

My Name is Benjamin Nelson and I am a COMMUNITY MEMBER in Bandon and work/shop in Coos & Curry Counties to meet my families needs.

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

Consider answering some of these questions or using these statements as a jumping off point in your testimony:

I frequently go to a Valleu Flora and other farm stands that would not meet the acreage requirements in section 2.2 of the bill.

Small farms need to have the same opportunities to sell their produce as larger farms.

If we lose the many small farm stands in our area it will hurt not only those small scale providers but also prohibit access for locals to healthy local produce and food crafts that enrich our lives and communities.

This would be devastating on numerous levels.

This kind of legislation only benefits large corporations and large scale farming which makes us all poorer and more fragile in our existence.

We are 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.

Thank you,

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