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On Behalf Of:
Committee: House Committee On Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources, and Water
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4153
To Whom It May Concern:

I'm writing in support of HB 4153. Having not grown up in an environment near local agriculture and agrotourism opportunities, I have been fortunate to be able to take advantage of these offerings while raising my own children in Portland. My son (now 25), ate corn on the cob for the first time at a Sauvie Island farm event in celebration of the harvest. I have this photo of his buttery cheeks framed on our mantel, but more importantly, preserved as a memory of a happy child who was lucky to grow up in an area surrounded by natural beauty with local farmers willing to share their land and their stories. These farmers are struggling to survive and supporting HB 4153 can work synergistically with primary crop growing to promote the best stewardship of our local lands and sustainability during these difficult and challenging times.

Thank you.