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My name is Debra Lohry and I am resident of rural Port Orford and have been for over 40 years. As long as I have lived here I have been on the search for good healthy and locally grown food. Presently the availability of local and regional organic food has never been better. People are catching on to the idea of growing food. The more people in a community that grow food, the better, because the excess overflows into the community. It's a good thing. If this proposed bill were to pass it would make it hard for small growers to sell their excess and that would deny much of the community a chance to get that wonderfully fresh and local food. Why would you want to limit a Farmstand by the size of the farm itself? If you have ever grown food you would know that you can have quite a bit extra sometimes, even if you are growing in your yard, and people are happy to buy it. Who does this bill benefit? It seems to me that it might just benefit larger farms by pushing out small ones. Please think about it. These farmstands can really help a small farm to just get a little extra income. That's a good thing. Small communities like Port Orford need the small farmers. They are feeding us the really fresh and good food. Help us to support them and keep them alive in our community. We need them.

Thank you,
Debra Lohry