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On Behalf Of:

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

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4153

My Name is Chris Sherman and I am a farmer in Eugene. 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.

As written, this bill if passed will deprive small and beginning farms of the opportunity to provide communities with healthy products and diminish our food supply networks. Small farms contribute more than just produce, but also contribute to healthy integrated communities. The Farm Stand/Store system is fine as it is, no need to redefine and limit it.

Sincerely,

Chris Sherman