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On Behalf Of:

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Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4153

I am reaching out to put on record that I am in support of HB 4153 because I value local farms, agrotourism, and the opportunities that farms provide for Oregon families. I firmly believe in the importance of having access to affordable local events due to the many studies that indicate this can be an antidote to community loneliness. Community and individual loneliness, especially in older adults, increases the chances for many risk factors such as poor physical health, mental illness, and substance abuse. While increasing access to local food and supporting local farms is essential, supporting overall community wellness also remains a priority.