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

RE: Letter of Support for HB 4153

Dear Honorable Members of the Legislature,

We are writing in strong support of HB 4153 as passionate stewards of a small, minority-owned, multigenerational family farm located in Mt. Hood–Parkdale, Oregon.

As BIPOC farmer and female farmer, we know firsthand how vital it is for state policy to clearly recognize, protect, and support small family farms like ours. HB 4153 represents an important step in affirming the freedom to farm, providing clarity, and ensuring that family-run agricultural operations are able to remain viable, resilient, and intact for future generations.

Our farm is more than a business—it is our livelihood, our heritage, and our commitment to the land and community. Bills such as HB 4153 help ensure that multigenerational farms are not pushed aside by uncertainty or regulatory ambiguity, and instead are empowered to continue contributing to local food systems, rural economies, and sustainable land stewardship.

We are 100% behind HB 4153 and deeply appreciate the effort to fully support and protect small family farmers across Oregon. This legislation helps preserve the ability for farms like ours to remain in our families, strengthening agricultural traditions and honoring the diversity of those who work the land.

Thank you for your leadership, your time, and your commitment to Oregon’s farming communities. We respectfully urge your support of HB 4153.

Gratefully,

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