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On Behalf Of:

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

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4153

Subject: Opposition to HB 4153

Dear Chair and Members of the Committee,

I am writing to respectfully oppose HB 4153.

While I appreciate the intent to expand opportunities for on-farm events, this bill would limit who is allowed to operate a farm store and provides no clear protections for the simplest and most accessible farm stands currently in operation. As written, HB 4153 risks taking opportunities away from small and beginning farmers who rely on these stands to connect with their communities and sustain their operations.

Farm stands are often the first and most affordable point of entry for new farmers. They play a vital role in strengthening local food systems and fostering meaningful connections between farms and the public. Any legislation that advances on-farm engagement should protect—not exclude—these small-scale operations.

I urge the committee to oppose HB 4153 as written and work toward a more fair and inclusive solution that supports farmers of all sizes.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Leah Grippin