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On Behalf Of:

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Resources, and Water

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4153

We are Diane and David Bilderback and live in Bandon, OR 97411. We are writing to express our 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 plate. But HB 4153 would restrict who is allowed to have a farm stand, replace current definitions with Farm Stores, and give large landowners privileges at the expense of small farm stands in Oregon. We need to find a better solution!

We care about this because we frequent many small farm stands along the south coast and even in Lane County that would not meet the acreage requirements in section 2.2 of the bill. We feel that small farms need to have the same opportunities to sell their produce as larger farms! As consumers of these small farm stands, it is vital that they are not required to have large acreage to be a farm stand and it would cause a higher burden on these farmers. This bill would take away opportunities from small landholders and farms for larger operations to be able to host more events. This is not a good bargain for Oregon and especially for their local customers to be able to purchase food that is locally grown. It really defeats the purpose of "buy local".

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this bill.

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