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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 Tanya, and I am a community member. 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.

I care about this because.

I frequently go to a farm stand that would not meet the acreage requirements. Small farms need to have the same opportunities to sell their produce as larger farms.

This is important to our family. We make it a family outing to go and pick Strawberries and Blueberries every year. We also have access through fresh organic fruit and my Grandchildren get to see how it grows, instead of buying imported fruit in a grocery store. We are in a small rural area and these small farms and farm stands are very important to our community.

Why should large acreage farmers gain privileges at the expense of smaller acre farmers?

Why should a small farm be any less legitimate than a large farm.

We are asking you to not place a higher burden on the smallest farms. This bill takes away opportunities from small land holders and farms in order for larger operations to be able to host more events. This is not a good bargain for Oregon and a better deal must be found.

Thank you,

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