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On Behalf Of:

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

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4153

I am writing in opposition to the proposed House Bill 4153. Oregon farms of all sizes should be able to sell their locally grown farm goods utilizing farm stands without being excluded because of a lack of minimum acreage in production. This idea is a disservice to all those who are bettering our community by providing healthy local grown produce, and providing a way for those farmers to make a living. It is amazing what can be grown on less than half an acre, I know, as a small farmer myself I have the privilege of belonging to my local farmers market. Truth be told, markets are hard to get into, not everyone can participate. Farm stands are a benefit to our community and many times the best starting point for small producers to learn and grow into a larger operation over time. I urge you to support small farms and continue to allow all Oregonians the opportunity to sell zucchini at the end of their driveway. Some of those very side hustles are funding our children's future college savings accounts.

Respectfully,

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