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On Behalf Of:

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

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4153

Hello,

My name is Sarah, and I live in Southern Oregon. I'm writing to ask you to please vote NO on HB 4153.

Our local farmstands mean so much to people like my family and I. They are where we get fresh produce, eggs, milk, baked goods, and just as importantly, they connect us directly with the people who grow our food. These aren't big commercial operations. They're small family farms doing honest work and serving their communities.

HB 4153 would limit who can run a farmstand based on acreage and sales, which would end up hurting exactly the kinds of small-scale farmers this state should be supporting. Many of these farms already operate on tight margins, and adding new restrictions could force them to close or scale back. That would be a huge loss for local food access, rural communities, and Oregon families.

Farmstands keep money local, help small farmers stay in business, and make healthy food easier to access close to home. Bills like this move us in the opposite direction.

I share the concerns raised by Friends of Family Farmers and strongly believe Oregon should be protecting and encouraging small family farms, not creating new barriers for them.

Please oppose HB 4153 and support policies that strengthen local agriculture and community food systems.

Thank you for taking the time to listen.

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