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Dear Legislators,

I am writing in strong support of the Tulip Farm and its annual festival, as well as House Bill 4153, which is designed to keep generational family farms thriving and meaningful traditions alive in Oregon.

Visiting the tulip farm has become a cherished family tradition for us. It is a place where we can slow down, breathe fresh air, and enjoy Oregon's extraordinary natural beauty together. Being surrounded by open fields, vibrant flowers, and the rhythms of farm life is not only joyful—it is grounding. Fresh air, nature, and time outdoors genuinely make me happy, and this farm provides all of that in a way that is accessible and welcoming to families.

The tulip farm is also deeply educational. It helps children and adults alike understand where food and flowers come from, how farms operate, and why preserving agricultural land matters. Experiences like this foster appreciation for Oregon's natural resources and encourage stewardship of the land for future generations.

I grew up on a small family farm, and returning to places like this reconnects me to my roots. It reminds me of the values I was raised with—hard work, respect for the land, and the importance of family traditions. Farms like this are not just businesses; they are living pieces of Oregon's heritage.

House Bill 4153 recognizes this reality. By supporting family farms and allowing them to remain economically viable, the bill helps ensure that these traditions do not disappear. It protects the ability of farms to adapt, educate, and welcome the public while remaining true to their agricultural purpose.

I urge you to support the Tulip Farm, its festival, and House Bill 4153. Doing so supports families, education, agriculture, and the preservation of the traditions that make Oregon such a special place to live.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
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