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Co-Chairs Helm and Owens, Vice-Chair Finger McDonald, and members of the House Committee on Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources, and Water:

My Name is Christina Burress and I am a community member in Tillamook. I am writing to you today to express my opposition to HB 4153. Farm stands are a vital part of a community's health and community connections with each other and the land, especially the small farmers who provide an invaluable resource and affordable access to fresh food.

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. Who would this benefit? We need to find a better solution to support our local farmers who don't have huge acreage or desire to enter into larger agricultural distributions channels.

Shutting off this local food source to the community is short sighted. Let's support our local visionaries who are growing fresh vegetables and fruit on their land to share with others.

Thank you,
Christina Burress
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