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I strongly support HB 4153. My family lives in Portland, and farm outings are a huge part of my kids' childhood experience. In the summer, we visit farms weekly (Topaz Farm, The Pumpkin Patch, etc.). We also visit other times throughout the year for special events like Autumn festivals and pumpkin patches. Through these farm visits, my kids are learning about farming, agriculture, rural life, animals, and more. The opportunity to run in fields, pick berries off a vine, get lost in a sunflower maze, and pet goats is teaching them more than they can learn in a book or from watching a video. These farm experiences fill us all with such joy. Farm stands and agritourism are a huge part of what makes life in Oregon special. Please protect these farms.

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