

Submitter: Janet Rogers

On Behalf Of:

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

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4153

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 Janet Rogers. As a Bandon, Oregon community member I am writing to express my strong opposition to HB 4153. HB 4153 would restrict who is allowed to have a farm stand, replace current definitions with Farm Stores, and grant large land owners privileges at the expense of small farm stands in Oregon.

Our family receives our produce / food from the Valley Flora Farm, and its incredible community CSA. Our family benefits from fresh produce at local small farm stands that would not meet the acreage requirements in section 2.2 of the bill, but our communities depend on! Small farms provide diversity of products and seeds for future generations. They make our communities more resilient and self reliant ! It would be an epic mistake to lose these important small and community based small farms !!

Sincerely,  
Janet Rogers

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Why is small farming important to you? What is the value of small operations in your community?

Why should large acreage farmers gain privileges at the expense of smaller acre farmers?

Why should a small farm be any less legitimate than a large farm when it comes to defining farm use?

What do farm stands do for your farm business or community?

What does it mean for you, your farm and your community if the primary purpose of a farm stand becomes agritourism events, not the sale of farm products?