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On Behalf Of: Community member
Committee: House Committee On Agriculture, Land Use, Natural
Resources, and Water
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4153

My Name is Rachael Whitney and I am a COMMUNITY MEMBER in TOWN. I am writing to you today to express my opposition to HB 4153. Farm stands are a vital part of connecting the public with our food system and building an understanding of what it takes to go from field to fork. But 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. We need to find a better solution.

I care about this because our community is small and we rely on our local farms. We are away from department stores and easy access to nutritional food sources. Our community supports our local farmers and we want them to stay.