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On Behalf Of:

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

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4153

I am submitting testimony to The House Committee on Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources, and Water in SUPPORT of passing HB 4153. I have been involved in agribusiness for the past 28 years and manage The Maize at The Pumpkin Patch. I think that this bill will be a positive step in expanding opportunities for farmers to sell directly to customers. It will help diversify income in today's tough markets. It strengthens rural communities (I have employed dozens of island residents and their high school kids at The MAiZE throughout the years. And, finally it respects county authority, along with local planners, farmers, and residents to tailor decisions for local agricultural condition and priorities.

Please pass this bill and eliminate the confusion and unnecessary restrictions that farm stands currently face.

Sincerely,
Craig Easterly