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

My Name is Denise Crouch and I am a community member and future farm stand operator in Alsea, Oregon. 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.

Even though Alsea is a rural community there is not a lot of fresh produce available And operating a farm stand would be an ideal way for fresh produce to be available to the community.

As a beginning farmer with less than 20 acres the farm stand that I would want to operate would not meet the minimum requirements outlined in the bill.

We are asking you to not have a higher burden on the smallest farms. This bill takes away opportunities from small land holders and farms in order for larger operations to be able to host more events. This is not a good bargain for Oregon and a better deal must be found.

Thank you,  
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