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On Behalf Of:

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Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4153

My wife and I purchased a U-pick last year. 1200 blueberry bushes on an acre. Gross receipts \$11k, net loss due to repairing the irrigation system and replacing inoperative equipment. It is extremely unlikely we would ever reach over \$20k gross. Putting a dollar requirement on small operations is nothing more than a ploy to eliminate the small farmer. HB 4153 will result in us bulldozing the plants and ending a tradition of picking berries with whole families that was started over 30 years ago.