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On Behalf Of:

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

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4153

Chairs Helm and Owens - Please do not pass HB 4153. For all of the reasons so many others oppose it, allowing large commercial stores in EFU land is completely contrary to the goals and aspirations of Oregon's land use planning system. One area that is often overlooked is the impact on the local transportation system.

Increased traffic means more wear and tear on the roads and bridges and the state and counties are already finding it difficult to pay to maintain and repair them. In addition, more traffic will interfere with slow moving farm vehicles, causing safety concerns. Large stores drawing more people will interfere with standard farming practices, and do not belong outside of Urban Growth Boundaries.

Thank you.