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On Behalf Of:

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

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4153

To Our Representatives,

I appreciate the need to clarify farm stand use and permitting in Oregon. However, this bill has substantial flaws that would render it highly damaging to small farms across the state. Placing a new minimum farm size requirement on what is currently (and correctly) a by-right activity would needlessly restrict the small producers from the most basic form of direct-to-consumer sales. I am familiar with a substantial number of smaller farms that are producing healthy, diverse produce options for their local communities and have farm stands currently. Eliminating this critical part of the food system will harm farmers and consumers alike. We need a bill that protects small farms from excessive permitting roadblocks, but this bill looks like rent-seeking from big players to block competition. This is not the way.

Respectfully,

Jessica Cuadra