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As a small farm in rural Clackamas County I support and encourage you to support the passage of HB 4153. I've only lived on my farm for just about 3 years, though my folks have lived here for over 45yrs. I love the country living and can't imagine now living in the city. I love growing cut flowers, having my flock of chickens and bees to pollinate the garden. A course now I can sell my flower bouquets, eggs and honey. But without this passage, me and so many other small and large farms will not be able to share our crops. I love visiting the Tulip farm in the spring, buying corn from the Willamette Watermelon Grower and enjoying the fields at Swan Island Dahila. Children growing up and visiting the pumpkin patch, learning how to make apple cider and petting and learning about the farm animals are part of an education that you will never receive sitting at a desk! These are important memories and add such value to our economy. I ask that you continue to support farms - small or large and remember the memories associated with enjoying the crops and understanding the hard work of a farmer. Thank you for your consideration.