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The acreage requirements for this bill would ban farm stands for many Oregonians who engage in smaller-scale, labor-intensive food production like vegetables; the type of local food that communities need. The acreage size in the bill would primarily benefit industrial-sized operations. It would shut out people who can't afford large amounts of farmland or aren't already rich or inheriting giant farm operations. Most importantly, it tramples the freedom of people to grow and sell food from their land. Thomas Jefferson, one of our founding fathers and the first Republican president, believed in small scale agriculture so much that he subdivided the White House garden for local people to grow and sell food. I believe that my senator, David Brock Smith, is sacrificing his Republican values by creating this bill.