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On Behalf Of: Topaz Farm  
Committee: House Committee On Agriculture, Land Use, Natural  
Resources, and Water  
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4153

I am writing in support of HB 4153 on behalf of Topaz Farm, which is my family's farm. Our farm, like many family owned agritourism operations across Oregon, relies on educational events, field trips, and seasonal activities to stay in business.

These experiences allow us to connect families and children to agriculture and help people understand where their food comes from. Without protections like those provided by HB 4153, family farms like ours are at real risk of losing our livelihoods. This bill is critical to helping farms remain viable while continuing to serve our communities. I strongly urge support for HB 4153.