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On Behalf Of:

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

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4153

HB 4153 would be devastating to many of the small producers that we depend on for quality produce here on the South Coast. We have neighbors that have made life choices around their ability to produce high quality produce on small tracts of land. This bill would put these producers out of business. This would be a big loss to all of us. And one wonders how new agricultural operations could ever get started if they had to begin at such large scales.

As a home gardener, I am continually amazed at how much quality food can be produced on a tiny acreage. It makes no sense to implement unnecessary acreage limitations. Likewise, there is no reason to require that seasonal producers sell from permanent buildings rather than farm stands.

It strikes me that this bill is about appeasing special interests rather than benefiting the people and communities that depend on community agriculture. There is no reason for this excessive regulation. Please oppose this bill.

Thank you