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Resources, and Water
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4153

As a community member in Port Orford who values fresh local food, I am writing to express my strong opposition to HB 4153. Without our small local farm stands, we are in a food desert, with few choices for affordable healthy fresh produce. HB 4153 would restrict who is allowed to have a farm stand, replace current definitions with Farm Stores, and give large land owners privileges at the expense of small farm stands in Oregon. This is particular problem for those of us in rural areas. We need to find a better solution.

Small farms need to have the same opportunities to sell their produce as larger farms. It is unjust to place a higher burden on the smallest farms. This bill takes away opportunities from small land holders and farms in order for larger operations to be able to host more events.

Thank you for voting in opposition to this bill in order to serve all constituents, and for seeking an equitable solution to this issue.

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