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

My Name is Nina Hartnell and I am a Farmer in Langlois. I am writing to you today to express my opposition to HB 4153. Farm stands are a vital part of connecting the public with our food system and building an understanding of what it takes to go from field to fork. But 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. We need to find a better solution.

My farm runs a farm stand that is open for a 30 week season, selling produce, eggs and baked goods. We are very fortunate to live in a community with several farm stands within a 50 mile radius of radius. The loss of all our farm stands if this bill passes would be devastating for our community and the farmers and ranchers impacted financially.