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I was born in Oregon and have lived in Bandon since 2004, but I don't think this is entirely an Oregon issue. This bill is trying to make changes to who we as a people represent. I'm not against corporations per se, but why are they so against mini farm enterprises? Why should that bother anybody so much? My grandmother in Eastern Washington in the 1930s raised her own vegetables and raised chickens. She helped pay for my dad's college education at WSU with her egg money. I feel this kind of history is exactly who we are as Americans and who we should be. Why shouldn't anyone should be allowed to raise and sell or share food and small items from a stand out front? This was the power of the tiny homesteader or housewife who raised the most of us up from the poverty line to the middle class. This should be honored, not loop-holed out to benefit larger entities.