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As a parent, neighbor, and voter in Clackamas County, agritourism is extremely important to me and my family. Throughout the year, we are grateful to have local food and produce options from farms where we can meet and know the people who grow what we buy. I stop at our local produce stand weekly to buy fresh fruits and vegetables for my family. Our neighborhood farms also provide safe and enjoyable activities for families, while creating a sense of community that we are proud of. My children have been attending the pumpkin patch down our street since they were babies and I can't imagine how devastating it would be to our community if others couldn't enjoy the same experiences each year. It's extremely important that we give farms the opportunity to thrive in Oregon and that we continue to champion their efforts through supporting HB 4153. Thank you for your time and for considering my testimony as you advocate for what's best for all of our citizens.