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On Behalf Of:
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Topic:

I have been an Oregon resident for 63 years, living and voting in Polk, Clackamas and Lane counties as a land owner since 1981. I strongly oppose HB 4153 because it destroys decades of careful land use planning that has protected prime agricultural and forest land from non-agricultural uses and unregulated sprawl. The bill digest says that HB 4153 "Allows counties to approve farm stores", but that is a lie; instead, it REQUIRES counties to permit myriad uses unrelated to agriculture, including but not limited to retail stores, events of any kind and size, amusement parks and commercial kitchens. This is GOVERNMENT OVERREACH! The state must NOT force counties to permit non-farm uses that do not fit their particular priorities and types of agriculture. HB 4153 would remove local control and prerogatives.