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On Behalf Of:

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I'm writing to support HB 4153. I've lived in Oregon for 60 years, I've worked on farms, I have friends whose family own farms, and I care about where the food that I eat comes from. I support small and family owned farms and I believe this bill can be a huge step in the right direction to support them.

I support provisions that allow more farms to use agritourism and farm stands to help them compete against the corporate agriculture entities that are taking over our food supply. They can also enjoy the opportunities to inform and educate us all about where food comes from and how we can all benefit from locally sourced, organic, and sustainably grown food. Updating and clarifying the laws around agritourism and farm stands is welcome and long overdue.

Getting people, adults and kids alike, to visit farms, learn, and buy locally grown food is a benefit to all -- farmers, visitors alike. Meeting the people who grow our food, learning about farming build community, something that is beneficial to all.

Thank you for your attention this matter and I look forward to hearing about passage of HB 4153.

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