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

My name is Leesa Novak and I am a community member in McMinnville, Oregon. I am writing to you today to express my opposition to HB 4153. Farms stands are a vital part of connecting the public with our food system and the farm system. It is such a pleasure to stop at a little farm stand and select fresh produce or plants from the source and know that you are supporting a small business. The experience is enhanced by meeting the people and seeing the landscape where the merchandise is grown, see it growing fresh in the fields and enjoy the experience and see the hard work these farmers and growers put into providing for us. I frequently go to several farm stands in our community in Yamhill County, and especially love the small, single family stands for their uniqueness. I think this truly defines a farm, when a family so lovingly tends the land and reaches out to their neighbors to share their crops. This is a small town gesture that is becoming lost in our ever enlarging and impersonal society. Please do not make obstacles for these small farm farming families. Their contribution to our country neighborhoods is vital to enhancing the community that surrounds them.

Thank you for your consideration.
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