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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Agriculture, Land Use, Natural  
Resources, and Water

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4153

I have been pursuing my own sheep farm for 8 years. I currently lease land but have hopes in the next year or two to purchase my own land and have my own farm. Part of this dream is also having a farmstand to gain some income and feed my community. This bill hurts my dream and disallows others like me who are small farm businesses from having an easy way to make income and feed their communities. With the prices of land, a tough economy, many children of large farms not wanting to continue farming, the future is small farms. Small farms should be helped and at least be given the same opportunities as larger farms. Please oppose this bill and rewrite it to help small farms.