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On Behalf Of:

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Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4153

I'm writing to support HB 4153 and the opportunity for small farms to continue to thrive in Oregon. I'm so grateful that I can live in a great city like Portland that has so many amazing farms nearby where we can go to pick up local produce, goods, have a great meal, or take family and friends out to enjoy nature. The ability of these small farms to offer a variety of reasons for people to visit - amazing meals, fun activities, local products - is so important to our lives here in Oregon. From my office I can drive 20 minutes and be at Topaz Farms on Sauvie Island - I can have a great lunch, pick up produce for family meals, and take a walk among the animals and flowers - it's amazing! I can't count the farms and farm stands that we have visited over the years, all over the state. We need to ensure that these business have the parameters of HB4153 in place so they can continue to grow and thrive. Thank you so much for your consideration.