

Submitter: Elizabeth Taylor

On Behalf Of:

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

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4153

I oppose HB 4153. Many small farms in my locality will have to stop operations based on your size and income eligibility rules. This bill will create unnecessary challenges for new, legitimate small farm owners trying to establish themselves. From what I read, behavior-based rules would be far more effective in rooting out bad actors and illegitimate land use. In addition, small farms and locally grown food are especially important in rural areas of the state that have poor road infrastructure, and winter weather that impedes outside access. Local farms strengthen our local food systems. I vote NO to this bill