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On Behalf Of:

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

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4153

Dear Co-Chairs Helm and Owens, and members of the Agricultural, Land Use and
Natural Resources Committee,

I am opposed to HB 4153, which is yet another assault on Oregon's attempts to
preserve farm land for actual farmers. My people are from Minnesota and we have a
family home in Minnesota north of Brainerd. Every year I fly into Minneapolis and
drive the 3.5 hours up to our cabin. And every year, I see that more and more of the
best farmland in the world is being paved over. Minnesota has no effective land use
control: big houses are replacing meadows, and shopping fields are covering crop
lands. My father used to hunt pheasants in the corn fields west of Hutchinson--now
that's all gone.

Please don't let that happen to Oregon!

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