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On Behalf Of:

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

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4153

My Name is Lyndsy and I am a farm hand at Gervasi family farm in rogue river Oregon. I am writing to you today to express my opposition to HB 4153. Farm stands are a vital part of connecting the public with our food system and building an understanding of what it takes to go from field to fork. But HB 4153 would restrict who is allowed to have a farm stand, replace current definitions with Farm Stores, and give large land owners privileges at the expense of small farm stands in Oregon. We need to find a better solution.

I care about this because this is our livelihood. We're a small under 5 acre family run farm and we would not meet the acreage requirements in section 2.2 of the bill. Us as well as other farms in my community rely on this as our income or extra income to survive.

We need to have the same opportunities to sell our produce as larger farms do. Our community enjoys seeing and knowing their produce is grown locally and there are so many of us that only grow a few things and the community relies on us to give them the things they want. we are meant for farming and love what we do and why should large acreage farmers gain privileges at the expense of smaller acre farmers? We don't have the money for larger farms but we work just as hard if not harder to do everything with our own hands and give people the best products they can get.

We are asking you to not place a higher burden on the smallest farms. This bill takes away opportunities from small land holders and farms in order for larger operations to be able to host more events. This is not a good bargain for Oregon and a better deal must be found.

Thank you,  
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