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On Behalf Of:

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

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4153

As a community member and strong advocate of small farms I am writing today to express opposition to HB 4153. Farm stands are a vital part of connecting the public with our food system. I frequently shop at small farm stand and farmer's markets and this bill hurts those small business operators by restricting who is 'allowed' to have a stand by giving larger land owners special privilege.

I believe small farms need the same opportunities to sell their produce as larger farms. I am a small business owner myself and can easily see how a rule like this will decimate many small farmers. Why continue to make legislations that reward large farms, large land holders and corporate farming? Why not instead REWARD small farms for providing such an amazing community based service by offering their locally grown and produced products?

Please seek a better solution that does not punish the small farmer.

Thank you,
Christy Taylor