

Submitter: Janet Black

On Behalf Of:

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

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4153

I am writing this to oppose HB 4153 . I have lived in Oregon all of my 68 years. I have seen development allowed to encroach on our precious farmland. I have seen higher value put on housing than on protecting our farmland and other natural resources.

This bill allows commercial activity to masquerade as 'farming'. We need real farmers on our precious farmland.

HB 4153 does the opposite. By voting no, you will be protecting the land that creates Oregon's \$42 billion agricultural industry. And the source of our food and other agricultural products.

Please vote no to stand up to those who want to dilute the use of our farmland, and to protect this critical land.

Thank you for considering my comments.