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On Behalf Of:

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

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4153

Hello. I'm a local farm hand in the Portland Metro area. I'm connected to organizations like Oregon Farm Corp and Oregon Food Bank. I have a great deal of respect and love for small farms that practice sustainable and regenerative agriculture. I strongly oppose HB 4153. I oppose prioritizing nonfarm activities as a primary use on farmland. I oppose incentivizing nonfarm commercial development on less expensive, lower taxed farmland. I support farmer-owned and operated stores, restaurants, and event venues within cities and small towns. I support protecting wildlife and increasing nature reserves while balancing our desire . I support existing farm stand provisions that require farming to remain the predominant use of farm land.

Thank you so much for your time and consideration. I hope and believe you can do what you can to support actual farm or nature reserve activities on our precious lands.