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On Behalf Of:

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I am writing to oppose this bill for a number of reasons. Farm STANDS market primarily site grown or locally grown items, fruit, vegetables, some processed products such as pickles, jam etc., and with that support local growers and local economies. Allowing far stores to marked items that are not local, and can be brought in from other locations will diminish this local support in favor of imported items. The rural nature of the area will be adversely impacted by allowing larger stores, favoring ecotourism, versus local products. Additionally, local infrastructure will be taxed to support increasing numbers of folks for the larger stores, increasing traffic, and stress on local water and sanitary services. This is not a good idea, and should be rejected by the legislature. Sincerely, Ronald Rhew