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On Behalf Of:

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

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4153

Co-Chairs Helm and Owens, Vice-Chair Finger McDonald, and members of the House Committee on Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources, and Water:

My Name is TERRY SHANNON and I am a community member of Gold Beach. 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 I love the people here who work to feed us with delicious local food, and I strongly want to support them.

We count on food from local farms that would not meet the acreage requirements in section 2.2 of the bill. It seems grossly unfair to not allow small farms the same opportunities as larger farms.

Please don't pass this bill.

Thank you,

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