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On Behalf Of:

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Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4153

Hi, my name is Hattie Kugler, and I am a veterinarian in the small town of Port Orford on the south coast. I am writing today in opposition of HB 4153. We have a variety of small farms selling produce, flowers, honey, U-pick blueberries, etc in our area, and several of them would be unable to legally continue their farm stands if this bill were put into effect. As a small town, globally minded citizen, I value local, organic, healthy food production that supports our local economy and is better for our planet. I take advantage of these small farm stands alongside HWY 101 every summer. I am also interested in starting a berry produce venture in the future, and if this bill went into effect, I would be unable to sell berries from my small property. We need more local options for diverse, fresh, healthy food, increasing our food security and reducing our global impact.

Why would we want to restrict small farmers from sale opportunities? Why should larger farms be given advantage over small ones? I live in a very economically depressed area, and our local towns and counties are always searching for ways to bring more economic vitality to our area. This bill would stifle those opportunities for families and individuals looking to diversify their income.

Thank you,
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