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On Behalf Of: myself and my family
Committee: House Committee On Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources, and Water
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I appreciate having my opinion considered before acting on this House Bill which I am opposing today. Living in a rather isolated small county gives me very little food shopping options. My family is rather large and I am the major cook...at least one day each week! The freshness, the goodness, and the care with which small food stands offer their crop excesses to others cannot be compared to the packaged offerings available at our local grocery stores. If we were to travel maybe 2-1/2 + hours away we could shop at a beautiful farm stand in Veneta where produce is exceptional, but we're in our late 70's and that drive is too far for us most days. Our great-granddaughter is currently having a sensitivity to cow's milk and goat milk is being substituted. How nice it is to have a source for this alternative! Passage of your house bill might eliminate this healthy option. Late in summer driving up the Rogue River Road we like to stop and buy hand-picked, organically grown berries offered at a simple table stand, the likes of which can't be compared to the Mexican alternative offered at Fred Meyer, Ray's, or McKay's. Going toward Bandon we like to stop and get fresh cranberries from a roadside stand to make the most heavenly relish! I realize I have the mind of a simpleton remembering the satisfaction of family members enjoying the taste of these products, but I would like to ask everyone thinking about passing this house bill to reconsider the effects it will bring to others: the small growers, and especially the consumers! Thank you for letting me share my thoughts with you today. Please don't pass this bill.