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On Behalf Of:

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

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4153

My name is Olaf Sweetman and I live in Eugene. I'm writing to express my opposition to HB 4153. Farm stands are a vital part of connecting the public with local food. 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 every week I go to a local farm stand that may not meet the acreage or income requirements of the bill. Small farms need to have the same opportunities to sell their produce as larger farms.

We are asking you to not place a higher burden on the smallest farms. This bill takes away opportunities from small land holders and farms in order for larger operations to be able to host more events. This is not a good bargain for Oregon and a better deal must be found.