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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 Karim Shumaker and I am a community member in Port Orford. I am writing to you today to express my opposition to HB 4153.

I am concerned that this bill favors larger operations and will adversely impact small operations. I often purchase food that is produced at small farms. In addition to weekly purchases, small farms are crucial for our community in case of an emergency. In our area, there has been a push for many years to create sustainable local food systems and I don't want to risk losing a single one, no matter how small.

Because this is such an important issue, more information should have been shared in advance. There were no questions allowed during the hearing, and on the first day of testimony, the sudden decision to limit comments to 1 1/2 minutes left many scrambling to get their point across without a chance to thoughtfully edit their comments.

I cannot support HB 4153 without a better understanding of the impact on small farms and farm stands.

Thank you,

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