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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 Natalie Clay and I am part of an orchard family and I run our fruit stand in Hood River, Oregon. I am writing to express my opposition to HB 4153.

Farm Bill HB 4153 has a few good ideas but will largely fail in taking care of very small farms, while giving very large farms an almost unlimited ability to bring in most of their income

from agritourism alone. This bill will punish small farms with the new rule requirements, while rewarding the large farms by getting rid of many of the rules that protect EFU land.

I am part of a 40 acre orchard and we have a small fruit stand. We grow and sell what we grow at our stand. We try to make fresh fruit available for the

community at a reasonable price. Please protect the smaller farms that are an important part of Oregon's unique character.