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On Behalf Of:

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

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4153

Dear Members of the Committee,

I am writing in opposition to House Bill 4153, known as the Farm Store Bill. By setting limits based on farm size rather than the sales of farm products, the bill disadvantages small farms, and would severely restrict access to market opportunities for a variety of producers. The harms would also spread into the entire local food system.

Barriers to small and beginning farmers are unnecessary. A good bill would provide specific protections for the simplest form of farm stands currently in operation, which are vital community assets providing direct connections between communities and the local farmers they depend on to grow their food.

Please don't let this discriminatory, anti-entrepreneurial bill further diminish small farms, local economies, and consumer access to fresh, local produce. We need solutions that support and uplift all producers, regardless of size.

I care about this because I not only shop at farm stands that would not meet the acreage requirements in section 2.2 of the bill, but also have many friends and associates whose lives and livelihoods would be seriously impacted by the bill.

Thank you for your consideration.