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On Behalf Of:

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

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4153

Vote NO on HB 4153, a give-away to special interests developers that will further serve to reduce and limit agricultural land, agricultural products, and small or regional family farm ownership. Allowance already exist for farms to operate a retail side of the farm. This allowance can stand without opening up more agriculture land to private development that will not serve the interests of small and family farms, nor is in the best interest of Oregonians. Farms are one of the states greatest assets, and we should not be diluting their purpose of agricultural production. Already the state continues to push farm land further from the core of cities and towns, it's clear there needs to be protections, as special interest developers continue to push the profit motive over the health of Oregonians. Stop HB 4153 from advancing, vote NO.