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On Behalf Of:

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

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4153

To All concerned!

Please do not consider a complex, confusing, controversial land use bill like HB 4153 in the short session!

Farm stand and Agritourism uses are already allowed for direct farm product sales and customer engagement.

These Farm Stores can have 95% or more of the store space allocated to retail items and prepared food and beverages that have no connection to the farm.

Continued commercialization of the farm zone increases farm land prices beyond what new farmers can afford.

The bill has removed the ability of counties to require an assessment of impacts to the rural community.

Non farmers can buy or lease farm land to use for these stores and use only a small part of the land for farm use.

These Farm Stores will cover some of our best farm lands with buildings, parking lots, playgrounds, driveways and septic fields as well as creating incompatibility and traffic issues in the rural community.

These Farm Stores will proliferate in the farm zone if allowed, taking advantage of cheaper land and lower taxes and fees than businesses in our struggling rural communities.

Please vote NO on HB4153! Thank you for supporting farming communities!

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