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On Behalf Of:

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

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4153

HB4153 is one of those bills that sounds good in the abstract but that will have quite negative impacts.

Yes, we want farmers to be able to sell their products at farm stands, but it is important to limit their sales to items produced on the property and not to simply be a roadside market. This bill does not do that well enough.

The worst thing about this bill, and the evidence that it is not oriented toward the small time producer, is the requirement that counties site very large buildings as farm stands, up to 10,000 feet. Commercial buildings that large will have large negative impacts on rural traffic flow and on the landscape itself. Such sitings amount to destruction of the countryside.

I urge you to vote no on this ill-advised bill.

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