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On Behalf Of:

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

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4153

Hi,

My name is Adam and I have run Little Wings Farm in Eugene Oregon for the past 8 years. Our farm is on the edge of the urban growth boundary which means we have a lot of residential neighborhoods surrounding our farm. There are 3 farm stands in our neighborhood that I am currently aware of that support the immediate community around us and we have been making tentative plans to offer one as well. These farm stands provide essentials to our community as gathering spaces, easy access to fresh local food and a sense of connection to the land they live by. This bill would shut all of these farm stands down. What good comes of that? It is effectively taking away vital community resources from the residents while also hurting small farmers who rely on these direct sales to customers.

Making an acreage requirement for having a farm stand favors larger operations for no logical reason and only stands to take away from our community. Vote No!

Thanks,

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