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On Behalf Of:

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

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4153

Dear Representatives. I am writing to you today to express my opposition to HB4153. Farm stands are a vital part of connecting the public with our food system and building an understanding of what it takes to put food from the growing fields to their table. We need to do whatever we can to support our small family farms so they can be as diversified as possible to make an adequate living. They need the same opportunities that large farms are afforded. They are about sustainable development which we claim to support in Oregon. We need to help people that are trying to provide healthy food to the communities around the state. We have utilized farm stands for many years not only in our community, but when we go to the valley and rely on them as many others do in Tillamook County. HB 4153 would restrict who is allowed to have a farm stand, replace current definitions with Farm Stores, and give large land owners privileges at the expense of small farm stands in Oregon. We need to find a better solution. Vote NO on this legislation. Thank you. Walter and Robin Kostrikin Pacific City=Tillamook County