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

My Name is Rachel Reese and I am a community member and small business owner in Astoria, OR. I am writing to you today to express my opposition to HB 4153. Farm stands are a vital part of connecting the public with our food system and building an understanding of what it takes to go from field to fork. But 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.

I care about this because several small farmers in my community that currently operate farm stands that are incredible assets to our community would not meet the acreage requirements in section 2.2 of the bill.

We are asking you to not have a higher burden on the smallest farms. This bill takes away opportunities from small land holders and farms in order for larger operations to be able to host more events. This is not a good bargain for Oregon and a better deal must be found.

Thank you,

Rachel Reese
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