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On Behalf Of:

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Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4153

I'm writing to voice my strong support of HB 4153.

Every year, my family visits Topaz Farm to celebrate harvest season. It's become one of our most cherished traditions - a place where we connect with our food, our community, and the land. But without HB 4153, farms like Topaz may not survive.

Oregon is losing one family farm per day. These small farms are struggling not because of safety concerns, but because of outdated bureaucratic regulations that make it nearly impossible to stay in business. They're penalized for simple things like turning surplus produce into prepared food or putting up a tent for shade.

HB 4153 modernizes agritourism law and gives family farms the flexibility they need to survive. It doesn't weaken farmland protections - it simply allows farms to continue offering the experiences families like mine already love.

If we don't act now, these farms will be sold to private estates or large corporations, and the gates will close permanently. Our children won't have the chance to make the same memories we've made.

Please support HB 4153 and help preserve Oregon's family farms for future generations.