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

I'm writing as an Oregon resident who deeply supports our local farmers and the agritourism businesses that make this state such a special place to live. I don't just enjoy agritourism — I value it. I choose farm stands, U-pick farms, seasonal festivals, and farm-to-table experiences because they connect me directly to the people who grow our food and care for our land. Over the years, I've built real relationships with hardworking farm families who rely on agritourism to survive and thrive. These aren't faceless businesses — they're neighbors, parents, and multi-generation farmers doing everything they can to stay afloat in an increasingly difficult agricultural economy. Opposition to HB4153 threatens that stability and would directly harm the very families who keep Oregon agriculture alive. Agritourism is not a luxury or a side activity — it is essential. It helps farms remain financially viable, keeps rural communities strong, educates the public about where food comes from, and preserves Oregon's agricultural heritage. Please stand with Oregon's farmers, farm stands, and agritourism operators by supporting HB4153 this legislative session. Protecting these businesses means protecting the heart of what makes Oregon such a great state.

Thank you for your time and for considering the voices of the residents who care deeply about Oregon agriculture.

Sincerely,  
Carlos Luevanos, Salem, Oregon