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On Behalf Of:
Committee: House Committee On Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources, and Water
Measure, Appointment or HB4153
Topic:

My name is Dianne Ensign and I'm a senior citizen and lifelong Oregonian. Thank you for the opportunity to comment on HB 4153.

I urge you to vote no on HB 4153, which will allow non-farm activities as a primary use on farmland, incentivize commercial development on exclusive farm use land, and disregard the impacts of these activities on neighboring farms.

Commercial development should be located inside urban growth boundaries while protecting agricultural land for agricultural use. I support farmer-owned and operated stores, restaurants, and event venues inside our cities and small towns. I support direct sales for farmers under existing farm stand provisions that require farming to remain the predominant use.

By voting no on this bill, you will be protecting the critical land base on which Oregon's \$42 billion agricultural industry depends.

Thank you for considering my comments and allowing this opportunity for public input.