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On Behalf Of:

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

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4153

My Name is Dee Tvedt and I am a in Eugene, OR. I am writing to you today to express my opposition to HB 4153 as it is written and the -2 amendment. 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 as it is written 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:

1. I frequently go to a farm stand that would not meet the acreage requirements in section 2.2 of the bill.
2. Small farms need to have the same opportunities to sell their produce as larger farms. Small farms allow the public to get to know their farmer and where their food is raised.
3. A small farm is just as legitimate as large farm and shouldn't be given less rights just because they are small. Larger acreage farms should not gain privileges at the expense of smaller acre farms.

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,

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