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Via Email

To the Co-Chairs and Members of the House Committee on
Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources and Water

Re: House Bill 4153

Dear Co-Chairs Helms and Owens and Committee Members,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to HB 4153. I am tempted to say I don't know where this sort of stuff comes from. However, that would not be true.

Farmstands are fully permitted under our statutes and administrative rules. The addition of wide-ranging, expansive retail, food service, and events in the EFU zone would be a case of the tail wagging the dog. The traffic and noise-especially event noise-would impede the operations of legitimate farmers. It would jack the price of farmland as it is acquired by non-farmers (or fig leaf farmers) for non-farm businesses. It would render farmland unaffordable for young farmers and farmers looking to expand their actual *farms* and increase their productivity as *farmers*.

Please understand that agriculture in Oregon is under constant threat from a stream of special interest legislation custom designed to gut Oregon's farmland protections. Please vote no on HB 4153.

Very truly yours,

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