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On Behalf Of:

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

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4153

Hello,

My Name is Kelly Tomlinson, and I am a community member in Eugene. 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. 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 landowners privileges at the expense of small farm stands in rural Oregon. We need to find a better solution.

I care about this because

- I frequently support small family-owned farm stands that would not meet the acreage requirements in section 2.2 of the bill.
- Small farms in our communities need to have the same opportunities to sell their produce directly to community members as larger farms.

I ask you to not place additional burdens on the smallest farms in our communities. 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 farmers or communities, and a better deal must be found.

Thank you,
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