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On Behalf Of:
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Topic:

I oppose HB 4153 as written because it takes away the ability for small farms and new farmers to sell products from their land. This is a bill that benefits big farms and makes it very difficult for small landowners to sell produce they grow directly to consumers. This makes no sense, why make it difficult for small farms to make money from their land?

These small farm stands are also some of the only sources of fresh produce in rural communities where food insecurity is already a huge problem. We need legislation that protects all farms in our state, and that reduces food insecurity. This bill as written will result in higher food insecurity and reduced small farms in our state. We cannot afford either.

Please rewrite this bill to support small farms and rural communities.