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On Behalf Of:

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

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4153

Please oppose bill 4153 which allows farm stores, as non farm use on lands zoned for farm uses. Having lived in Oregon most of my life, yet having travelled throughout the world extensively, received three graduate degrees at the UO, I am aware of how such stores could become mega-businesses. I am a faithful supporter of local farmers, shopping at their stands and attending the local farmers markets. These businesses would lead to sprawl one way or another and thwart our outstanding land use laws, first initiated by Tom McCall, who, among other accomplishments saved our beaches for everyone. At this moment, when profit drives our federal government, let Oregon continue to be a beacon for the rest of the country. I feel so blessed and fortunate to live in this beloved state and don't want it to be overrun by various forms of sprawl. Our state is the gem that it is due to the foresight of those who have worked on and enacted our strict land use laws. Let us not destroy their work because of profit driven pressure.

Respectfully,  
Susan Rankin

The natural purity of Oregon is a driver for tourism which brings benefits us all