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On Behalf Of:
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My Name is LAura Kinder 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. 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 purchase produce from small farmers at the local grange and the various farmers markets across town. My neighbor farmers don't meet the requirements to vend according this bill and selling their produce at markets and at their farm is vital to their well being and their income. While there are some great aspects of this bill, especially the farm to table requirement fo the food coming from the farm when there is an event, farm education and tours, the limitations of on the farmer based on their acreage will disrupt out economy. Please consider revisions to this bill.