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On Behalf Of:

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

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4153

Dear Elected Lawmakers,

Please do NOT pass House Bill 4153. Here in Oregon we have so many pressures on our farm land, and we must protect these areas that make our landscape so beautiful and provide food for our region. Our condensed towns and cities, our wild land AND our farm land are all what make Oregon so attractive to its residents and tourists - we MUST NOT set a precedent of blurring these boundaries. Over time this could really ruin what we all love about living here. For decades I've been so proud of the way our leaders have protected urban boundaries around our state - please do not stop now!

Thank you for your service to us!

Sincerely yours,

Shannon Jones

NO to shifting agriculture to the back burner and allowing commercial nonfarm activities as a primary use on farmland.

NO to incentivising nonfarm commercial development on less expensive, lower taxed farmland.

NO to ignoring commercial development impacts on neighboring farms.

YES to farmer-owned and operated stores, restaurants, and event venues inside our cities and small towns!

YES to direct sales for farmers under existing farm stand provisions that require farming to remain the predominant use!