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Subject: Support for HB4153 – Protect Oregon Agritourism

I'm writing as a proud Oregonian and as a member of a family that operates a farm fruit stand here in Oregon. We truly love sharing the literal fruits of our labor with our community. There is nothing more rewarding than seeing families stop by, ask questions about what we grow, and return year after year to support local agriculture.

Our own family has fond memories of hosting a pumpkin stand complete with hayrides, and of visiting other local farms to enjoy seasonal events and learn more about all that Oregon farmers have to offer. These experiences aren't just business opportunities — they build relationships, create lasting memories, and strengthen the connection between consumers and the people who grow their food.

Agritourism and farm stands play a vital role in Oregon's rural communities. They help family farms diversify income, create local jobs, preserve working farmland, and educate the public about agriculture. They bring life and vibrancy to our rural areas while maintaining the traditions that make our state so special.

That's why I'm asking you to support HB4153 this legislative session. This bill will protect farm stands and agritourism by providing farm permit holders with clarity, efficiency, and the support they need to continue educating the public and selling directly to their communities. Clear and consistent policies will help ensure family farms like ours can continue welcoming visitors without unnecessary regulatory uncertainty.

Farm stands and agritourism businesses are already doing the hard work of growing food, stewarding the land, and serving their communities. Please stand with Oregon's farmers and support HB4153. Let's ensure Oregon remains a place where agriculture and community thrive together.

Thank you for your time, your service, and your support of Oregon agriculture.

Sincerely,
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