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On Behalf Of:

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Resources, and Water

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4153

As a community member who works directly with many small farms in Lane County, I am opposed to HB 4153 as drafted because the acreage requirements unfairly punish smaller farms by restricting their ability to participate in farm stand activities that are permitted on larger farms.

We have at least seven farmers markets in Lane County, which provide food access for many community members and a space for many dozens of farm vendors to generate important revenue. The majority of farms vending at these markets WOULD NOT meet the acreage requirements in HB 4153. This bill does not recognize the value or realities of small farms in my community.

Smaller farms should not bear a higher regulatory burden than larger farms. This bill needs more work and scrutiny - especially from small farms who will be disparately impacted - otherwise it will do more harm than good.

Respectfully,

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