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On Behalf Of:

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

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4153

HB 4153 has good intentions, but without a major overall, it will allow large property owners free rein to have non-farm activities on most of their property, and not protect valuable farm land.

HB4153 will penalize small farm holdings and make it impossible for many of them to survive.

HB 4153, as written, will have disastrous unintended consequences.

Farms, large and small provide food security by providing quality, fresh food to their local area (both retail and wholesale), as well as enhancing the local economy with jobs.

Local food production provides food security.

Many small farms can thrive if given the opportunity and not strangled by inappropriate legislation. In Clatsop County, where my farms are, most are small, but very productive.

HB 4153 should be enhancing opportunities for small farms at the same time it is protecting farm land of all sizes.

Protect farm land from non-farm activities, and encourage small farm holdings to develop and market their products.

I support the testimony of Friends of Family Famers and Blackberry Bog Farm of Clatsop County.

Do the right thing, and fix HB 4153.

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