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On Behalf Of:
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Topic:

Co-Chairs Helm and Owens, Vice-Chair Finger McDonald, and members of the House Committee on Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources, and Water:

My Name is Autumn Loverin, and I am a community member in Springfield. 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 landowners privileges at the expense of small farm stands in Oregon. We need to find a better solution.

I care about this because:

- I frequently go to farm stands that would not meet the acreage requirements in section 2.2 of the bill.
- Small farms need to have the same opportunities to sell their produce as larger farms.
- Small farms should not be any less legitimate than a large farm when it comes to defining farm use.
- This bill discourages people from pursuing new small farming opportunities unless they are in a position to purchase large amounts of acreage.

Please do not put a higher burden on the smallest farms. This bill takes away opportunities from small land holders and farms so that larger operations can host more events. This is not a good bargain for Oregon, and a better deal must be found.

Thank you,
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