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On Behalf Of:

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Resources, and Water

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4153

My name is Christina Arapolu and I am a farmer in the town of Rogue River. I am writing today in opposition to HB/4153. We have had a farm stand/ store on our EFU farm on and off for the last 13 years. We have grown as a farm in that time and we have survived by pivoting with the changing times and markets. We started small with a pop up in front of our house to sell leftover tomatoes and other produce that didn't sell at market. This let us bring our good to the community that couldn't go to the growers markets and it helped us to offset any loss from over harvesting and in turn it expanded our access to more customers. This saved us a a small farm starting out and now we have grown and although we would qualify for a permit under the existing proposal, we would not have when we were starting out. Please don't take away opportunities for new farmers and the smallest of farms, as farmers we need all the help we can get from our governments. Please help by supporting us and we will do our part to strengthen our communities. Thank you.

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