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On Behalf Of:

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

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4153

We farm our 86 acres in Polk County. I oppose this bill. Restricting new small micro farms from deriving farm income via farm stands or agritourism damages the farming community as a whole. We need smaller farmers who contribute to food supplies and unique farm derived products. Small scale farmers generally make a disproportionate contribution to educating the public on the value of farming and provide much needed products that are often unique or employ farming methods that bring innovation and sustainable practices that benefits the broader farming community.

I will be watching this bill closely and should it pass, intend rigorous implementation of the broadest interpretation of allowable use on our 86 acre farm. With a background in manufacturing it will be easy to tap investors for a 10,000 square foot building and outdoor activities with amplified music and announcers. Motocross would be an excellent choice for our land and in the heat of the summer, the Van Duzer winds will carry the sound of "progress" directly to Salem.

Respectfully submitted, Christina Porter Polk County farmer.