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**REP. LEWIS RESPONDS TO DLCD PROPOSALS
THREATENING OREGON FARM STANDS**

SILVERTON, ORE. – Today, in response to widespread concern from constituents of House District 18 and neighboring districts, **Representative Rick Lewis (R-Silverton)** spoke out against proposed rules by the Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD) that could significantly restrict how farm stands operate throughout the state.

“These proposals threaten to cut off critical income sources for Oregon’s small farms by limiting food sales and agritourism — activities that many rural families depend on to make ends meet,” said Rep. Lewis. “I’ve heard from farmers and constituents across the district, and their message is clear: these rules go too far.”

Farm stands have long been a cornerstone of Oregon’s agricultural identity. Beyond offering fresh produce, they foster community connections, sustain local economies, and preserve a way of life that generations of Oregonians have worked hard to protect.

“Oregon’s family farms deserve our full support, not more government interference and over-regulation. I will continue to fight for policies that uphold rural values, economic opportunity, and local control,” concluded Rep. Lewis, emphasizing the importance of standing with farmers and defending their right to operate freely and sustainably.

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