



**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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SALEM, OREGON 97301**

**NANCY NATHANSON
STATE REPRESENTATIVE
DISTRICT 13**

March 5, 2026

Timothy G. Sekerak
Chief Clerk of the House
State Capitol Building
Salem, OR 97301

RE: Vote Explanation on House Bill 4153A

Dear Chief Clerk Sekerak,

I believe it's important to support Oregon's family farms and quality farmland. However, I have heard concerns from Friends of Family Farmers and other organizations that this may not be the right solution. Information they have provided warns of possible long-term negative consequences for Oregon's supply of high-quality farmland and also for our land use system. They point out that HB 4153 will create a confusing two-tier system for farm stands and farm stores, set a precedent for allowing unlimited events on land zoned for Exclusive Farm Use, and remove the "good neighbor test" for agritourism.

This bill is designed to help family farmers' financial stability by broadening income-producing opportunities. I am supportive of the bill's intent, but I have reservations that it will have unintended consequences detrimental to farms, forests, and farm communities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Nancy Nathanson".

Nancy Nathanson
State Representative, House District 13