

TESTIMONY BEFORE THE OREGON STATE SENATE AND HOUSE IN SUPPORT
OF SENATE BILL 610 and HOUSE BILL 2009

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For the Record, My name is Bernarda Torres, I am a mother of three grown kids. I am currently a farmworker in the state of Oregon. I have worked in every major crop in Oregon from picking strawberries to working in the Garlic crop. I have worked in Oregon since 1991.

In all that time I have never received a wage increase, except when the State of Oregon increases it. For all my hard labor, the only thing I earn is a wage. I receive no benefits, no medical coverage, no vacation plan, no sick leave or retirement.

Even with earning so little, I have managed to raise three kids and am putting my young daughter through college. She is currently in her second year.

That is why I am here to testify in favor of Senate Bill 610, so that farmworkers at least make a decent wage. Please approve Senate Bill 610 and HB 2009

Sincerely,

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