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TO: Chair Dembrow
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FR: Alma Raya, Legislative Specialist, Oregon AFL-CIO

RE: Oregon AFL-CIO Opposition to SB 103 and SB 104

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The Oregon AFL-CIO represents 300,000 workers across the state and is a voice for all workers in the legislative process. We should be doing everything possible to support good union jobs in rural parts of the state. Farm workers, represented by the United Farm Workers Union, currently benefit from good paying jobs, healthcare benefits and safe working conditions that they bargain with their employers at Three Mile Canyon Farms. SB 103 and 104 do not seem to consider the impacts on workers that this legislation could have.

We align with Oregon's values to ensure we have a state that takes care of the environment, however we believe that expanded regulation of these industries should consider the impact to the workforce. Particularly, the good union jobs that the Boardman community has relied on for years. UFW has represented workers at the Three Mile Canyon Farms for over a decade.

We are hopeful that there can be an alternate conversation that addresses environmental and other concerns and at the same hold harmless the hard-working people who help put meals on our tables. Thank you for your consideration, we urge a thoughtful approach to these regulations and ask you to oppose SB 103 and SB 104.