

Members of the Committee,

I urge you to support the passage of HB 2358. Farmworkers have been a neglected demographic over the years in the United States, and in Oregon too. Farmworkers are constantly excluded from getting minimum wage, and the right to collective bargain since the passage of the Federal Labor Standards Act in 1938. This is simply unacceptable given the work and labor that is strenuous and just as important as any other labor in the state. The fact that not every worker in the state is paid minimum wage and is not receiving all of the benefits is disappointing and should be amended immediately.