

Dear Committee Leaders,

My name is Savina and I am the Executive Director of Cannabis Workers Coalition, a nonprofit worker center advocating for fair labor practices in cannabis and hemp. Many aspects of cannabis fall into the agriculture realm, including the use of farmworkers who are primarily Latinx migrant or undocumented laborers, to tend their crops. The decision to exclude farmworkers, the essential workers that feed America, from the Federal Labor Standards Act of 1928 was a racist decision to compromise with Southern legislators to maintain control over their farmworkers, who at that time, were primarily Black and Latinx laborers.

Oregon has the chance to right a wrong that has been continued for close to the last century. As supporters of an equitable cannabis industry, we stand in support of this bill to allow farmworker overtime.

Thank you,

Savina Fierro