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On Behalf Of:

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I am writing to you today to show my support for farmworker overtime. Throughout the pandemic, the wildfires, the heat dome and ice storms, farmworkers have always shown up for work to assure we have food on our tables. Farmworkers should receive overtime pay after 40 hours in a workweek at one and one-half times the employee's regular rate of pay. Most employees in our state receive overtime when they work more than 40 hours per week. Yet farmworkers, who can typically put in 50 to 65 hours per week, do not.

I believe farmworker overtime pay is matter of equality, equity and fairness. Farmworkers have been exempt from overtime pay for decades. This is wrong.

I urge you to pass farmworker overtime in the 2022 Legislative Session to ensure farmworkers in Oregon are paid fairly for their skilled and essential labor.