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I am opposed to HB 4002. Agriculture is not a 9-5 job, never has been and never should be. A farmers livelihood is out in the field waiting to be harvested and processed. Delays in harvesting or processing could be financially ruinous because the crops are weather dependent. Overtime is not an option to get the crops in.

If the Farmer or Rancher has to pay more in labor due to overtime, those costs will be passed on eventually to the consumer increasing the cost of food and goods produced from agriculture. If those costs cannot be recouped, the Farmer or Rancher will have to discontinue raising that crop or commodity and shift to another means of income producing activities or leave the industry. Less production then results in a supply and demand situation or more dependency on foreign products.

Protect our Farmers and Ranchers - they grow our food! Food does not start and end at a grocery store - food is grown in farmers and ranchers fields. Put the Farmers out of business and the people that work for them become unemployed. Work for pay is better than no work at all.