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To: House Committee on Business and Labor  
From: Raul E., OR Farm Worker  
Re: Support for Farmworker Overtime

Chair Holvey, Vice Chairs Bonham and Grayber, and Members of the House Business and Labor Committee,

My name is Raul and I live in Hermiston, OR and I have worked in the agricultural industry in Oregon for 23 years.

My job consists of feeding livestock to produce meat, to be able to feed this great country and beyond its borders.

Farm Workers like myself often start our shifts before 5am. In my job, I have to work until we finish feeding the livestock. I work six days a week sometimes up to 11 hours in a day. I also work on holidays and weekends to keep the cows fed.

For me and my family, and so many other workers that are in the same situation in the state of Oregon, the payment of overtime would be an improvement to our economic situation as well as an act of social justice, as recognition of the efforts of farm workers who for so many years have been feeding this great country.

Therefore, I ask that you consider the payment of overtime for all of the agricultural workers in Oregon and you vote in favor of HB 4002.

ATTN: Raul E.  
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