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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Business and Labor

Measure: HB4002

I am against HB 4002. We have been in the sheep and cattle business for 5 generations here in the state of Oregon. We grow beef, lamb and wool. We have had shepherders for generations starting out with Irish herders in the 1930's, to currently having a family that consists of four brothers from Peru. If this overtime bill passes, our family ranch will be finished producing renewable food and fiber. Profits are marginal and this would make it impossible.

Our men that work for us come over from Peru on a H2A Visa. They have no expenses while they are here and we pay all of their travel expenses as well. They have been able to send enough money home to build houses for their family and send their own kids to college. They have newer portable camp trailers that are equipped with solar, gas and electricity when available. They have cell phone service and can be in touch with their families in Peru almost anytime. We are in daily contact with our employees and deliver groceries and supplies 2 to 3 times per week.

We advertise for shepherders all the time but Americans are no longer interested in being a sheep herder. We would like to continue to supply renewable food and fiber for Oregon and America, but the huge expense of over time would take us right out of business.

That is why I am against this HB 4002.

Sincerely,

Penny Krebs

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