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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Business and Labor

Measure: HB4002

To Chair Holvey, Vice Chair Bonham, Vice Chair Grayber and members of the House Committee on Business and Labor:

I urge you to support HB 4002 Farmworker Overtime and to make it effective as soon as possible. Farmworkers need and deserve the same overtime pay that has been required for other workers since the 1930s. Farmworkers should not have to wait any longer for correction of this unjust, unequal treatment.

Farmworkers are essential workers. We depend on them for the food on our tables. They are crucial for Oregon's economy. The work is arduous. It's unfair to expect farmworkers to work without adequate compensation.

As the climate changes and Oregon experiences the impacts from excessive heat and wildfire smoke, agricultural working conditions are becoming even more difficult. It's time for Oregon to join other states which require overtime for farmworkers.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

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