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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Business and Labor

Measure: HB4002

> Dear Chair Holvey and Members of the House Business and Labor Committee,

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> I am writing to you today in support of farmworker overtime.

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> I'm a member of First Unitarian Portland and IMIRJ, Interfaith Movement for Immigrant Justice. I have seen first hand the conditions in which the farmworkers live in Hillsboro and I have delivered food to them as well when the temperatures reached 113 degrees and some of them were still working in the fields.

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> It is my belief that Farmworkers deserve equal treatment and the same quality of life as any other worker and yet they are denied the same overtime pay that other workers in Oregon receive.

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> Please join me in making Oregon a state where farmworkers are valued for the extremely difficult and necessary work that they perform and support this bill.

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> Farmworkers should receive overtime pay after 40 hours in a workweek at one and one-half times the employee's regular rate of pay.

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> 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.

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> Sincerely,

> Jane Lawson