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Chair Wagner, Vice-Chair Girod, and Members of the Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of House Bill 4133. My name is Ira Cuello-Martinez and I am submitting this testimony on behalf of PCUN, Oregon's Farmworker Union. At PCUN, we work to improve the working conditions and lives of farmworkers and Latinx families through community building, organizing, and policy advocacy.

PCUN is supportive of HB 4133, an act to create a modernized Online Voter Registration (OVR) system because it will improve the access of Oregon's voter file. As we know, Oregon's current OVR system is limited to people who either have a driver's license or a non-driver identification card issued by the Oregon DMV. Fortunately, this bill will expand access of the OVR system by allowing for registrants to upload an image of their signature and register online with the last four digits of their social security number. With a modernized OVR system, more Oregonians will be able to conveniently register to vote and update their registrations. In particular, this will benefit community members who may not be able to afford an Oregon identification card but is eligible to vote in elections.

In addition to expanding access, the accuracy and security of Oregon's voter file will be improved by reducing the potential for human error that is inevitable with paper forms. Clerks will have less manual data entry which can save money by reducing both labor costs for transcription and paper voter registration forms. An automated system will reduce the risk for error throughout the paper-registration process. Not only will the risk for error be reduced by the state can also save money due to the reduction of costly paper registration forms. Although, paper forms will still be available as an option for those who need them.

With the aim to improve access, accuracy, and security of our state's voter file, PCUN respectfully urges you to vote in support of HB 4133.

Thank you,

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