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Co-Chairs Taylor and Holvey, and Members of the Joint Committee on Farm Worker Overtime:

I am a member of the AAUW of OR and am writing to ask for your support for HB 4002A. I was very saddened last year when at least one of the agricultural workers died while working.

It's unimaginable to contemplate what our farmers would do without the invaluable contributions of these workers. They are absolutely essential to our agricultural industry and the low pay coupled with lack of overtime pay is simply unconscionable.

I frequently give a mental salute to them when I'm purchasing fruits and vegetables that I know have been harvested by these workers. I can relate to the back breaking work because, when I was in high school in Redmond, OR, we were given a week off from school every year so we could harvest potatoes for the local farmers.

Please see them as humans who are essential to the health and well-being of everyone in our state.

Thank you.

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