Submitter: Jasmine Hernandez Pena

On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Committee On Farm Worker Overtime

Measure: HB4002

Date: February 21, 2022

To: House Committee on Business and Labor

From: Jasmine Hernandez / MEChA

Re: Support for HB 4002-Farmworker Overtime

Chair Holvey, Vice Chairs Bonham and Grayber, and Members of the House Business and Labor Committee,

My name is Jasmine Hernandez, and I live in Salem, Oregon and/or I am writing on behalf of MEChA club.

I am writing to you today in support of farmworker overtime. Farmworkers should receive overtime pay after 40 hours in a workweek at one and one-half times the employee's regular rate of pay.

Passing the HB 4002-farmworker overtime pay is important because it would help solve issues with equality & justice, health, economy, and quality of life. Overtime will give farmworkers better health conditions and increase their life expectancy. The quality of life will also be benefited because farmworkers will have more time outside of work to spend time with their families. Farmworkers deserve respect and labor rights. They have been denied the same respect and benefits other workers have been given.

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.

Sincerely,

Jasmine Hernandez Student at WOU MEChA