Submitter: Maria de Los Angeles Reyes

On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Committee On Farm Worker Overtime

Measure: HB4002

Date: February 21, 2022

To: House Committee on Business and Labor

From: MECHA de WOU

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 Angeles Reyes, and I live in Monmouth, Oregon and I am writing on behalf of MECHA de Western Oregon University..

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.

Farmworkers deserve dignity, respect and labor rights. For too long they have been denied rights other workers have been afforded. For example, due to COVID-19 there has been a high rate of farmworkers exposed to COVID-19 while working in the field.

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, Angeles Reyes Member of Western Oregon University MECHA de Western Oregon University