

Dear Joint Committee on Farm Worker Overtime,

I am a dairy farmer from Scio in Linn County. I would like to kindly ask you to please adopt the alternative introduced by State Rep. Shelley Boshart Davis.

This alternative will allow small family livestock farms like ours to survive. If it is not adopted, then only the large corporate livestock farms will be able to implement the new legislation. The mega farms have the infrastructure and an employee pool large enough to work around the employment laws. Our small family farms only have a few employees, and when a cow is calving in the middle of the night, or when a feed truck won't start on an extremely cold morning (like this morning), then our employees are excellent team players, and they are happy to spend an extra hour making sure that the cows get fed, milked, and cared for.

Please adopt the alternative introduced by State Rep. Shelley Boshart Davis to save our small family farms in Oregon.

Best regards,

Scott Ruby



Mobile: 559-280-6071

Farm Tel: 503-394-2688

Fax: 503-394-2685

E-mail: sruby@wwsires.com