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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Committee On Farm Worker Overtime

Measure: HB4002

Dear Co-chairs Taylor and Holvey and Members of the Joint Committee on Farm Worker Overtime - I am writing to ask for your support for HB 4002. Here in Oregon we are so very lucky to have wonderful fresh fruits and vegetables, dairy products and locally ranched meats readily available - thanks in no small measure to our hard-working farmworkers. They work year-round doing very difficult physical labor under all types of weather conditions - in recent years often under extreme weather conditions - and yet are seldom acknowledged when we sit down at the table to eat with our families. Our farmworkers are there reliably serving the Oregon community day in and day out - surely we can provide them with fair compensation for any additional overtime hours they are asked to work. I for one would be happy to pay more for our wonderful Oregon agricultural products knowing that our farmworkers are being fairly compensated - and I am sure there are many others who would be happy to do so as well. I would also be happy to increase my support for the Oregon Food Bank to help them keep supplying fresh agricultural products to our fellow Oregonians who face food insecurity. Oregon farmworkers give so much to our state - please support HB 4002 and correct a long-standing injustice. Here in Oregon we have much to be proud of - and supporting our farmworkers with fair overtime compensation would give us yet another reason to be proud to be an Oregonian. Thank you very much for your service and for your consideration.