

Submitter: Andrew Steinkamp

On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Business and Labor

Measure: HB4002

Dear committee,

My name is Andy Steinkamp and I am a 4th generation Oregon Family Farmer. I have spend my whole life working in agriculture; working in agriculture supply as well as production agriculture. I work with my wife, father in law, brother in law and a team of hard working dedicated employees to produce high quality blueberries. We strive to create a work place that attracts and retains high quality employees. We focus on fair pay, work life balance, and respect. We are well aware of the work opportunities outside of agriculture that exist for our employees. In today's environment all employees have other work options. The direct impact of HB 4002 on our farm and most importantly our team is we will be forced to limit work hours. Work weeks will be shorter and equipment options will be explored with high priority. We do not want to take hours away from our team. Unfortunately we do not have the opportunity raise our price for blueberries in the market and our team will sadly be hurt by HB4002.

I ask you to oppose HB4002 for all of Oregon agricultural workers and Oregon agriculture.