

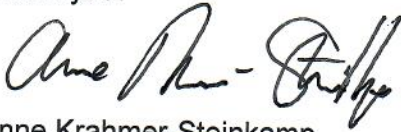
Dear Representative,

I am a 6th generation farmer here in Oregon, farming with my father and husband. We owned a 500-acre blueberry farm, but were forced to sell the majority of it this past year to keep from going bankrupt. For the last five years we have been a punching bag to weather, bad marketing, inflation, politics, and broken promises.

As blueberry farmers we are dependent on labor. I employed 15 employees year-round and 150 to 200 seasonal employees, many of whom come back to my farm year after year. We did set our wages to stay competitive with the other farms around us and based on what we can afford as well. In blueberries we work with our pickers to set prices that make sure they are making money. We did this because if they do not feel they are making money, they will leave and go to a different field without even telling us. The ag workforce is very good at setting prices that work for employees and employers. We do not need government appointed people doing this job. Every farm is different depending on how they do things. Example: my price per lb. was \$.05 to \$.15 off what other blueberry operations were. This is because I pruned differently to make it easier to pick the fruit, and we also ran more tables on the headlands to keep pickers out picking instead of waiting to check fruit in.

I am asking you to vote NO on HB 2548! This bill is going to hurt family farms. I still farm blueberries but am not looking to not add anymore high labor crops, because of high costs that are killing the returns to farmers with all the new regulation that have been added in the last 5 years.

Thank you!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Anne Krahrmer-Steinkamp". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a horizontal line underlining the name.

Anne Krahrmer-Steinkamp