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On Behalf Of:  
Committee: House Committee On Labor and Workplace Standards  
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2548

Chair Grayber, Vice-Chairs Elmer and Muñoz, and Members of the Committee,

I urge your YES on HB 2548.

Oregon's growth and economic success are greatly dependent on the contributions of farmworkers. They have not only made substantial economic contributions but have also enriched our state with their vibrant culture and active community participation.

Farmworkers were excluded from key national labor laws like the National Labor Relations Act (NLRA) and the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) which has created long-lasting economic disparities for farmworkers.

Creating a workforce standard board will empower workers who fuel Oregon's agricultural economy and make our state a brighter place to live. Many of these community members have been historically discriminated against since the birth of this nation. I stand with Farmworkers because it is the right and just thing to do. When we look back, we will be judged on how we helped the most exploited and those in need.

I urge you to pass HB 2548.

Sincerely,  
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