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On Behalf Of:  
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HB 2548

To the House Committee on Labor and Workplace Standards:

My name is Macey Wessels, and I am a farmer in Linn County. Today, I write to urge you to oppose HB 2548.

The language in HB 2548 is extremely concerning to our family farm and accelerate job loss on farms throughout our state. I worry it will make it too risky and too expensive for my farm to hire any workers. In addition, I oppose HB 2548 as its provisions would significantly increase the cost for my farm's labor. We are already struggling with additional labor costs as a result of minimum wage increases and overtime costs.

For my farm, I am particularly concerned with the elimination of the relationship between myself and my employees. This bill disregards the significant protections already in place for farmworkers. If implemented, it could cripple farms like mine - crippling our beautiful agricultural industry and accelerating job loss. Our industry is already grappling with the aftermath of agriculture overtime laws, leading to worker dissatisfaction from reduced work hours.

Once again, I strongly urge you to oppose HB 2548.

Sincerely,  
Macey Wessels