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

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

I urge your YES on HB 2548.

I am a union member and benefit from rights which the NLRB denies to farmworkers. You have the power to reverse this for the local farmworkers that feed you and I.

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.

I urge you to pass HB 2548.

Sincerely,
Alex Wise
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