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

Testimony in Opposition to HB 2548  
Senator Bruce Starr (R-Dundee)

Dear Members of the Oregon House Committee on Labor and Workplace Standards, I am writing to express my strong opposition to HB 2548. This bill represents a severe threat to Oregon's farmers and ranchers, who are the backbone of our state's agricultural heritage and economy. HB 2548 imposes highly restrictive regulations that will further burden family farms, pushing them to the brink of extinction in favor of large, corporate operations.

Oregon already has an extensive array of mandates that our farmers must navigate. Family farms are integral to the rural economies of Oregon, providing jobs, sustaining local markets, and preserving the cultural landscape. HB 2548 threatens to dismantle these vital contributions, creating economic conditions that will replace them with impersonal, large-scale operations that lack the connection to community and stewardship of the land that family farms uphold.

Let us support policies that empower our farmers and ranchers, not hinder them with excessive regulations. We must protect the future of family farming in Oregon for the well-being of our economy, our environment, and our communities.

Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Senator Bruce Starr  
(R-Dundee)