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Chair Grayber, Vice-Chairs Elmer and Munoz, and Members of the House Committee On Labor and Workplace Standards

Subject: Opposition to 2025 HB 2548

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony. I was born and raised in Oregon, and I am a citizen of the USA. I have done a little bit of farm work, but not much. I oppose this bill, and I encourage you to kill it in Committee.

Others have said that "Oregon has a robust system of farmworker rights and protections, more stringent and comprehensive than almost any other state." I believe that to be the simple truth. Since those protections are in place, the proposed legislation is unnecessary. If only it was as simple as that.

The proposed legislation, if passed and enacted as law, would result in an unelected governing body having the authority to set increased regulations for Oregon farms. Some or all of the appointments to the governing body would be made by the Governor. We have already seen the results of regulations imposed by unelected Commissions whose membership is dominated by appointees of a governor who is beholden to radical unions and extremist groups. For example- they have played a key roll in imposing an electric vehicle (EV) mandate and so-called clean truck rules. These sorts of mandates and rules will bring chaos to industries and will make Oregon even less livable than it already is. Let's just focus on the education and enforcement of protections already in place.

Again- please just kill this bill in Committee. It appears to be a gift to a radical union group.

Thank you.

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