

My Name is Raul Esparza and I have worked in the agricultural industry in Oregon for 22 years.

My job consists of feeding livestock to produce meat, to be able to feed this great country and beyond its borders.

My shift is from 5:00am to 4:30pm, approximately or until I finish feeding all of the livestock which there are approximately 40,000 head of livestock and this is six days a week, on holidays, Saturdays, and Sundays, I work between 11 and 12 hours a day.

For me and my family, and so many other workers that are in the same situation in the state of Oregon, the payment of overtime would be an improvement to our economy as well as an act of social justice, as recognition of the efforts of farm workers who for so many years have been feeding this great country.

Therefore, I ask that you consider the payment of overtime for all of the agricultural workers in Oregon and you vote in favor of HB 2358.

-Raul Esparza