

My name is Jon Laraway. My family has had a family orchard in Hood River for nearly 100 years. This bill would cost our family farm thousands, which we could not afford, and would endanger harvesting our perishable crop in a timely manner. Our harvest is done by piecework, and our workers earn well above the minimum wage in Oregon. Are workers expect to put in more than 40 hours/week, and would not like to be cut off with fewer hours. Furthermore, when our harvest is finished, workers move up the valley to other growers with perishable crops, and that would delay their harvest. We provide housing and utilities at no charge to our employees, even when they work for other farms. We could no longer offer this if this bill passes, resulting in a net loss of earnings to our employees, Please do not support this bill.

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