

For generations, Oregon Farmworkers of color, (Campesinos) have played a pivotal role in supplying, and maintaining the agriculture that has feed our communities, our children, our people, and our state of Oregon for many years. I personally, come from a lineage of farmworkers, dating back to the braceros, and there is no amount of repercussions that can be paid that will repair the toxic chemicals our communities breath, the overtime hours that we are made to work, and the inhumane conditions that employers impose upon us just so that we can make a living in feeding our families and putting a roof over our heads. There needs to be an end to the injustices, oppression, and exploitation, that capitalist and greedy money hungry, farm owners impose on low income communities of color. The equivalent of working overtime hours and not being paid for it is nothing less than slave labor. Overtime pay is a fundamental obligation that employers must be obligated to adhere towards, there should be no argument against that; farm owners need to put an end to the malicious loopholes and tactics that they use to oppress our communities. Our peoples lives, health, and security should be held as the top priority in passing this bill. We have children and babies that depend on us and that we have to feed... Breaking our back, working overtime hours without pay, is simply malicious and immoral, and I hope that legislators do the right thing today, and side with humanity, and human decency, in passing and supporting this bill.