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TO: Chair Holvey, Vice Chairs Bonham and Grayber, and Members of the Committee:

I write to you in strong support of HB 4002, which would improve the work benefits of farm workers. I am a member of the Portland Branch of the American Association of University Women of Oregon.

I live in Washington County where many of these workers come during the picking season, and I see them in the fields west of me. It is often very hot and always back-breaking work and because I consider them essential to helping me put food on my table, I would like to see their benefits improved.

This bill would be an important step in shortening their hours and increasing their wages, and I urge your support.

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