

Submitter: Martin Meskers

On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Business and Labor

Measure: HB4002

My name is Martin Meskers, President of Oregon Flowers Inc. a cut flower grower in Aurora Oregon.

We sell cut flowers to wholesale markets across the United States and employ 32 employees full time.

Our competition is from growers in South America and other foreign countries who supply 80 % of all the flowers sold in the USA. This overtime bill will put us at an unfair competition.

The agricultural community has an alternative to achieve a win-win and the committee should support the compromise.

I would like to thank the committee for their attention and urge them to vote no on HB 4002 unless it has the ag compromise in it.

Kind regards,

Martin W. Meskers