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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Business and Labor

Measure: HB4002

House Committee Members on Business and Labor

I ask that you support HB 4002...

Employers in Oregon are not required to pay overtime to agricultural workers. In some cases, they may also be exempt from paying even minimum wage.

Agricultural workers earn notoriously low pay—with farms often taking advantage of government exemptions to avoid minimum wage and overtime rules that might otherwise apply.

Farmworkers remain some of the most impoverished and socially excluded members of our society, they work as a “caste system. It is no coincidence the law continues to disfavor them at every juncture that would favor producers over human rights.

I ask that you support HB 4002 as the only decent and fair way to right the decades of wrong and unjust treatment of all agricultural workers, their families, sons and daughters.

Respectfully,
Randy L Knop