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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Business and Labor

Measure: HB4002

I am firmly in support of gradually eliminating the racist relic in our current law which excludes farm workers from overtime provisions which cover other wage earners. I know this will cause some financial problems for farmers who compete in markets outside our state, although our two largest neighbors are also moving to eliminate this unequal treatment. I support the temporary subsidies to help farmers make the transition. I also am willing to pay the higher prices which might result, since my increased cost will mean we are treating those who labor to provide our food will be treated with the dignity due to all workers. I urge you to move this bill through the legislature to redress this longstanding unfairness.