

Submitter: Roger Findley
On Behalf Of: Self
Committee: House Committee On Business and Labor
Measure: HB4002

To whom it may concern,

I have been a farmer for 50 years. I taught Agriculture classes at TVCC for 39 years. I can assure you that HB 4002 is out of touch with what actually goes on farming wise. Agriculture is not an 8-5 job. It's a job that is largely determined by Mother Nature. As the old saying goes "you have to make hay while the sun shines" really applies to all of Ag. You have to plant, cultivate, harvest by the time slots the weather gives you. If you have onions lying in the field and a predicted freeze is coming in a couple nights, guess what all hands are doing....harvesting onions day and night before the crop gets ruined. If you have hay lying in the field that needs baled and a rain is in the forecast, again all hands are on deck trying to get the harvest in. During irrigation season, the crops have to be tended to even on holidays and weekends. Cattle have to be fed each and every day. During calving season, cows don't go by a clock to deliver their babies. When a cow needs assistance, she needs it now, maybe at midnight, not in the morning at 8:00 when the crew arrives. This is an ill-thought out Bill that is out of touch with reality. I believe in the adage that says "if it ain't broke, don't fix it" really applies here. Please consider how implementing this Bill would devastate Agriculture as we know it. Do we want higher prices in the grocery store? Do we want food shortages? These are some of the outcomes of passing this Bill.

Please vote NO!

Sincerely,

Roger Findley
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