

Submitter: Stacey Cooper

On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Business and Labor

Measure: HB4002

To the Committee,

I am writing in opposition of HB 4002 as it currently is written. As an agriculture employer not only will HB4002 as it stands now be a financial hardship to our company but also to our employees. As it stands right now our employees have the choice to work over 40 hours to earn extra income without having to get a second job. During our 6 weeks of harvest, we do ask them to work longer work weeks. If a 40-hour work week was to be implemented, our company will be forced to reduce hours. Our commodity is perishable, so we do not have the luxury of holding on to product until price rise, we our accentually price takers not setters. In the food chain of money, the producer is the last to be paid. Even the employees are paid before we see any of proceeds. HB4002 needs more time be thought through, looking at New York State Ag overtime might be a great starting point. Please reconsider this current bill and give it more time to thought through. With workers hours being cut down to 40-hours there will be more people looking for second jobs. The part of that worries me is the safety of employees having two jobs, tired and in a rush to get to another job.

Thank you for your time.