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On Behalf Of:
Committee: House Committee On Business and Labor
Measure: HB4002
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To: House Committee on Business and Labor

From: Nathan Moomaw, Moomaw Family Farm

Re: Support for Farmworker Overtime

Chair Holvey, Vice Chairs Bonham and Grayber, and Members of the House Business and Labor Committee,

My name is Nathan Moomaw, and I'm writing on behalf of myself and my farm, Moomaw Family Farm in Oregon City.

I am writing to you today in support of farmworker overtime. Farmworkers should receive overtime pay after 40 hours in a workweek at one and one-half times the employee's regular rate of pay. As a farm owner and former farmworker, I want to see the folks who produce food for us to be fairly compensated and have equal rights to other workers.

I spent many years as a farmworker myself, before starting my own farm and I didn't make enough to support myself without additional income from my wife's salary. It's always struck me as wrong that we as a society pay the people who feed us so little, when being able to eat is at the very foundation of our society and allows everything else of value to happen. Overtime pay is completely reasonable and the right thing to do.

I urge you to pass farmworker overtime in the 2022 Legislative Session to ensure farmworkers in Oregon are paid fairly for their skilled and essential labor.

Sincerely,
Nathan Moomaw
Owner
Moomaw Family Farm