

Chair Holvey, Vice-Chairs Bonham, and Grayber,

I believe farmworkers deserve equal treatment to all other workers, including overtime protections.

After listening to the testimony last night one thing that struck me over and over is just because it is a law that people have constructed a business model around does not mean it is one we should uphold. It is based on a racist structure and is unfair. We must find a way to build our economy based on fairness not exploiting workers.

Farmworkers are doing important, hard, and dangerous work in one of the largest sectors of our state economy, and they are essential in feeding families across Oregon.

Farmworkers have worked to feed Oregon families through a pandemic, catastrophic fires, hazardous air quality levels, and dangerous heat waves. Farmworkers are essential workers and deserve overtime protection.

That is why I urge you to end the long-standing racist exclusion of farmworkers from overtime protections as soon as possible. Pass HB4002

Best,

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