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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Business and Labor

Measure: HB2058

Chair Holvey and Committee Members,

I oppose HB 2058 simply because it is too little too late. Instead of being reasonable about Ag Overtime; last year you chose to send a poorly written bill on. That is why this bill has been presented, if the committee would have listened to farmers and ranchers like me they would have been more thoughtful on what the outcome of HB 4002 would be. Now you want to have a grant/loan fund to help with some of the unworkable issues of 4002. What really needs to be done is to instate a fix for seasonality and a 60 hour week.

California and Washington are seeing that they have less Ag employees now that the overtime has come into full effect as workers want to put in as many hours as possible and then go back to their home country for the winter. As a farm employer 4002 has caused my family to reevaluate if we even want to employ workers anymore. There will be a different Oregon because of this and offering a grant/loan will not make a difference to most family farms like ours frankly, because we will have to figure out a different way to operate.

Thank you for considering my testimony, I urge you to not move this bill out of committee.