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On Behalf Of:
Committee: House Committee On Labor and Workplace Standards
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3193

Dear Members of the House Committee on Labor and Workplace Standards, I am writing to express my support for HB 3193, which seeks to establish a permanent farmworker disaster relief program. This bill is a crucial step towards ensuring the well-being and financial stability of farmworkers, who are essential to our state's agricultural industry.

Farmworkers play a vital role in maintaining our food supply and supporting the economy. However, they are often among the most vulnerable when disasters strike, whether it be natural events like wildfires or public health crises. HB 3193 addresses this vulnerability by providing much-needed financial support to farmworkers who lose income due to qualifying disasters.

The proposed program offers timely and targeted assistance to those who need it most. By partnering with worker relief organizations, the program facilitates the efficient and effective distribution of aid. This approach supports farmworkers and strengthens the resilience of our agricultural sector as a whole.

Furthermore, the bill's comprehensive definition of qualifying disasters, including natural events and public health emergencies, ensures that farmworkers and their families receive support in a wide range of challenging circumstances. This inclusivity is essential for addressing the diverse and unpredictable nature of disasters that can impact farmworkers' livelihoods.

HB 3193 is a compassionate and practical measure that will provide critical support to farmworkers during times of crisis. I urge you to pass this bill and demonstrate our state's commitment to the well-being of those who contribute so significantly to our communities and economy.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
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