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

My name is Edgar Brandt, Dallas, Oregon, writing in support of HB 3193, the Farmworker Disaster Relief Fund.

I really appreciate that HB 3193, if passed, will provide temporary financial help when farmworker families lose hours and wages because of extreme weather conditions, becoming more frequent in our state.

My family and I have been allies and advocates of Northwest farmworkers since the 1970's. For 28 years I served as a bilingual instructional assistant in Salem-Keizer Schools and became aware--through working with farmworker families--that the family breadwinners were essential to the Oregon agriculture economy in all seasons of the year and in many regional and commodity sectors.

With extreme Oregon weather, it is necessary to invest in restorative measures in the environment and financial well-being of farmworkers. Vote YES on HB 3193.

Thanks for considering this vital legislative matter today.

Sincerely,  
~ Edgar Brandt