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

Dear Chair Grayber, Vice-Chair Elmer, Vice-Chair Munoz, and members of the committee,

My name is Lydia Naylor, I live in Portland, OR, and I am writing in strong support of the HB 3193, the farmworker disaster relief fund.

I firmly believe that the health of our community is dependent on the health of our land and those who work this land. During the pandemic and terrible wildfires, farm workers were expected to work without the same protections afforded to most other individuals. They had to continue to grow food so we could place online grocery orders and have our produce delivered without contacting anyone, for “safety reasons.” They had to breathe terrible smoke to harvest grapes and produce while we sat in HEPA filtered buildings. If our health and safety is essential, then it is paramount that we support the health and safety of those who provide for us. Farm workers do incredibly difficult work, barely meeting their own basic needs. It is essential that we support them.

Thank you,  
Lydia