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I am the grandchild of farmworkers from northern Minnesota. My family ran a small dairy farm for generations. They were impacted often by weather, rainfall, disease and other factors out of their control creating instability in their ability to make a living and survive. Farmworkers in Oregon have been working hard to provide healthy and nourishing local food for our state and are impacted in ways that most others are not by factors outside of their control. They deserve to know that there is relief available if a flood or fire or drought impacts their plan for work. Their plan to support themselves and their families and their communities.

Historically farmworkers have been excluded from work protections and are forced to make sacrifices that most of us would not to survive. Please support this bill and ensure fair and kind care for our farmworkers and their families. Please support this bill so that we can continue to be mindful of our carbon footprint and consume as much local food as possible.

Thank you for reading and for your consideration.

Respectfully,

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