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My name is Xochitl Jaime - Aguirre, I live in Portland, OR. and I am writing in strong support of HB3193, the Farmworker Disaster Relief Fund.

The fact that we even have to have a bill like this on the table with any possibility of opposition only speaks to the lack of care and basic human empathy to the people that fulfill the most basic human need - food - to the people of the State of Oregon.

Every single day in this state farmworkers sacrifice their bodies, precious time with their family, and their mental health by spending long work days in inhumane conditions to be able to feed us.

Not only do they feed the every day resident of the state but without them, Oregon - and especially Portland's - award-winning culinary scene would literally not be possible. The fresh produce and bounty of the PNW that makes headline news is only possible by the backbreaking work these humans do day after day, and the least we could do is show them the thanks they deserve not only because of their humanity, but because they ARE the base of the foodway systems of this state.