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Society doesn't function without farmers and farm workers. Period. My grandparents were farmers and many of my friends are currently farmers and so I've seen first-hand how farm work is non-stop, sun up to sun down work. It is physically challenging and often dangerous and takes a long term toll on the bodies of farm workers even in the best of conditions.

I truly believe that anyone who has ever spent any amount of time on a farm understands this.

I've also seen that there is also a huge amount of uncertainty that is part of farming, which has only been worsened by climate chaos. I have farmer friends in the Little Applegate Valley of Southern Oregon who were forced to stop farming and move when their property got drier and drier every year until their year round creek finally stopped running.

So if it's vital to all of us and inherently more challenging than most other professions, why wouldn't we want to do everything we can with our collective resources to help make it slightly less back breaking and risky, to ensure we all have access to healthy food into the future?

Please vote yes on this bill to protect and support the people toiling in fields across our state in order for others to eat. If you vote no, you should be required to go work one year as a farm worker before returning to your government offices! I bet it would change your mind! Thank you for serving your state. Sincerely, Ty Adams