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On Behalf Of:
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Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3193

My name is Tim Almeda, I live in Portland, OR and I am writing in strong support of HB 3193, the Farmworker Disaster Relief Fund.

HB 3193 will provide temporary financial relief to farmworkers in Oregon who lose work or wages due to extreme weather conditions. Growing up in a diverse community, I saw the importance of farm work firsthand. Our network is a community of immigrants whose livelihood and survival depends on this work. And this work's impact extends beyond their families to neighborhoods that need to be fed. If we refuse to provide assistance to the people that provide our food, we put our entire communities in jeopardy. The gap for food access is already widening with poor neighborhoods having less and less access to healthy options; and if our farmers are not taken care of, the ripple effects will only get worse.

On behalf of our neighborhood and the access to food that is necessary for our health, welfare, and survival, I urge you to vote to support this bill.