

Submitter: Cherie Watson
On Behalf Of:
Committee: House Committee On Labor and Workplace Standards
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2548

Dear Sir/Madame

I am writing to oppose HB 2548! As the owner of a farm, and long family history in farming, I am completely opposed to this bill. This essentially unionizes farmworkers and takes away my ability to pay a fair wage and fair benefits, and puts them in the hands of an unelected bureaucrat. As a citizen of this state, I am constantly horrified at the "rules" that I must abide by in every area of my life that I got no say in because they are rules made up by unelected bureaucrats. I cannot believe the amount of bills coming out of this legislature that are attacking family farms, and ranches. This government has no authority to dictate to me what I pay my employees or the benefits that I give. There is already an established minimum wage, multiple bills already law that protect farmworkers. This is just yet another attack on me as a small farmer and my ability to make a living. I already pay my workers over \$20 an hour. That is a darn good wage. I urge you to stop harassing small businesses and small farmers and get to the real issues the state faces, I.e. our ranking at the bottom for education, third in the nation for the highest taxes, voter fraud issues, and horrible red tape preventing people from building homes and running their businesses.