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

To the Committee:

I am staunchly opposed to this bill, which represents nothing more or less than a single-minded desire to control Oregon family farms. Our farms are already drowning in regulations set by unelected bureaucrats. This bill is just another unnecessary layer and will be the final nail in the coffin of our family farms. Farmers are already leaving Oregon in droves, thanks to the notoriously anti-farm and anti-business climate of this state. We should be doing everything we can to support farming in Oregon, since we have world-class soils and a climate to match. But no, the Power and Control folks now want to unionize the entire farming sector, without any input from farmers or workers. This is a Communist takeover of our farms, and Oregonians won't stand for it. Setting new farm labor standards every two years, and eliminating at-will employment would make it virtually impossible to manage a family farm and its labor force. We should be doing everything possible to support farming in Oregon, not hamstringing it. Talk about killing the goose that lays the golden eggs. Please stop interfering with Oregon farms!

Sincerely,

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