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My name is Tonja Snyder. I live outside Salem and am writing in strong support of HB3193. Having grown produce and fruit on our small "farmlette" to sell at local markets and to individuals, I know the impact of extreme weather conditions not just on our crops but on my own ability to do the work needed to "bring in the crops." This is hard work and working in extreme weather conditions is not healthy. I have much compassion for those who have to make a decent living doing this kind of work.

Since moving to Oregon (30 years ago), I have come to understand and appreciate the hard work of farmworkers and how essential they are to our food supply and economy. Extreme climate affects all of us, but especially those that harvest our food. HB3193 will provide temporary financial relief to farmworkers in Oregon who lose work and wages due to extreme weather conditions. As a member of the Sacred Organizing Coalition and a member of the faith community I view all of God's children, no matter status, race, gender, or abilities deserving of compassion, care, and the opportunity to work and live with dignity.