



March 10, 2025

To: House Committee on Labor and Workplace Standards

From: Peter Hainley, CASA of Oregon

Re: Support for HB 3193

Chair Grayber, Vice-Chairs Elmer and Muñoz, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Peter Hainley. I am the executive director of CASA of Oregon. CASA has been working with local communities to create housing, facilities and asset building opportunities for 37 years. We were originally founded to address the lack of housing for farmworkers and that work is still a foundation of our current mission

The state of Oregon has long-held the importance of farmworkers to our state's agriculture industry. It is the reason that we have passed laws to protect them, compensate them and house them.

House Bill 3193 would require the Oregon Health Authority to create a program offering financial relief to farmworkers who lose income from natural disasters. An allocation of \$10 million would ensure the program is sufficient to meet the needs of farmworkers across the state. The program would provide economic stability for farmworkers, promote equity and fairness in the agricultural sector, and strengthen community resilience.

I urge you to vote YES on HB 3193 to support farmworkers.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter and thank you for your service to the people of Oregon.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Peter Hainley".

Peter Hainley
Executive Director