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

To the Honorable Members of the [Relevant Committee/Oregon Legislature],

I am writing to express my strong opposition to Oregon House Bill 2540. This bill, as currently drafted, presents significant concerns that warrant its rejection.

1. Negative Impact on Private Agricultural Sector and Family Farms:

HB 2540 proposes increased regulations that will disproportionately harm the private agricultural sector and family farms in Oregon.

This will result in increased operational costs, undue regulatory burdens, and potential economic hardship for these vital components of Oregon's economy. For example, HB 2540 will impose significant financial strain, especially on smaller family farms that operate with limited resources.

This bill fails to adequately consider the existing regulatory framework that already governs agricultural practices, and it adds layers of complexity that will stifle innovation and productivity. Lastly, if HB 2540 were to pass, large, corporate farms would be able to easily absorb the burden and costs, and local family farms would continue to go by the wayside.