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On Behalf Of:  
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I'm writing to oppose HB 2548 – Ag Workforce Standard Board. I'm a 5th generation farm in Monroe, Oregon. This bill eliminates the relationship between employers and workers. We employ 10 full-time employees year-round and many of our employees have been employed at our farm for over 20 years. We care about employees and their working conditions. We are always open to their concerns and suggestions, and we take the necessary steps to meeting their needs. Happy employees = productive work.

Farming is a price taking industry. We can't afford for the government to dictate our expenses. Our payroll is our 3rd largest expense for the farm. We don't have the flexibility to raise higher gross crops to meet the demands stated in workforce standard. If these demands are passed, we will have to let go of employees and invest in autonomous machinery.

Please stop making farming harder for Oregon family farms. The end result will be less family farms and more out-of-state farmland owners.