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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Labor and Workplace Standards

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2548

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

I urge your YES on HB 2548.

For far too long, farmworkers have been unjustly excluded from essential labor protections under the National Labor Relations Act and the Fair Labor Standards Act. As a result, they remain among the lowest-paid workers in our state, often forced to endure unsafe and inadequate working conditions.

The creation of a Farmworker Standards Board is a crucial step toward correcting these longstanding injustices. It will give farmworkers a direct voice in shaping industry standards that reflect their rights, needs, and the dignity they deserve.

Farmworkers provide an essential good—food—not just for us, but for their own families as well. It is only fair that they have a say in the very labor that sustains our communities.

I have had the privilege of working with a farmer who truly cared—not just about his craft, but about his workers and the people he was feeding. He understood that farming is not just about production; it's about people. Farmworkers are the backbone of our food system, yet their labor has long been taken for granted. Their work is essential, and their rights should be protected with the same urgency that we recognize the food on our tables.

Supporting HB 2548 is not just about policy—it's about fairness, dignity, and ensuring that those who feed us are treated with the respect they deserve. I urge you to pass this bill and give farmworkers the voice and protections they need.

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Sincerely,  
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