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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 denied essential labor protections under the National Labor Relations Act and the Fair Labor Standards Act. This unjust exclusion has resulted in farmworkers being some of the lowest-paid workers in our state, forced to endure unsafe and inadequate working conditions.

The creation of a Farmworker Standards Board is a powerful step toward correcting these historic injustices. It will give farmworkers a crucial say in shaping industry standards that reflect their needs and rights.

These people are the literal backbone of our society, and it's more than past time we treat them with the respect they've more than earned.

I urge you to pass HB 2548.

Sincerely,
Kristen Fleming
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