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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Labor and Workplace Standards

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2548

House Committee on Labor and Workplace Standards,

I am staunchly in opposition of this bill. It is unconscionable that the state would consider effectively sponsoring and mandating the unionization of agricultural workers. There are already federal and state standards in place to protect wage and safety considerations of agricultural workers. If passed, this bill would cause extreme, undue hardship to agricultural employers and hamper agricultural employees from securing meaningful employment. There is no reason the at-will nature of agricultural employment, or any employment, should be dictated by the state. The agriculture industry does not need more bureaucratic red tape to impede their mission to produce and manage food, fiber and natural resources for our nation, and their employees will suffer if this bill is passed. Please do not hesitate in dismissing this bill as an example of unwanted regulation and overreach. Thank you for your consideration.

Rob Frank

Harney County Commissioner