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To House Committee on Labor and Workplace Standards,

My name is Stacey Cooper of Cooper Family Orchards in The Dalles Oregon. I am writing to oppose HB2548. This bill will unfairly put more regulations on the agriculture industry.

In the last few years, the agriculture industry has faced many challenges, the weather and market challenges aside, mostly from regulations that come from all directions. The agriculture industry already is regulated by both BOLI and OR OSHA. We have one of the highest minimum wages and now we AG overtime.

HB2548 will be unelected officials creating regulations that go above and beyond the protections already put in place and it is only putting these regulations on just the agriculture industry. This puts agriculture employers at a disadvantage to the rest of the employers in the state of Oregon. To take away at will from just one industry is targeted and unfair.

HB2548 will put a strain on the agriculture industry, one that is already struggling to keep afloat. I would highly encourage you to vote no on this bill.

Thank you

Stacey Cooper