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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Labor and Workplace Standards

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2548

Chair & members of the House Labor Committee,

I strongly urge you to oppose HB 2548. I was signed up for testimony during the 3/12 hearing, but with the turnout didnt end up getting to speak. I hope you take the strong showing of farmers as an indication of how challenging this bill would be for us to implement, and that it may not achieve the intended results.

From listening to speakers in favor, it became very clear that the concerns largely didnt connect back to the farmer, as much as to the LABOR CONTRACTOR - so if this bill continues to be aimed at the farm owner side, it will miss the point. We all want happy, healthy workers, but cant be held accountable for decisions other business entities make. Obviously we would choose to avoid a labor contractor if we knew there were issues of fairness, proper treatment, etc - but those arent things we can be expected to know.

Oregon already has some of the highest worker standards in the nation. Particularly in this depressed ag economy, dont pile one more thing on us.

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