

Testimony

Ornamental Horticultural Council

Jesse O'Brien, Spokesperson

Opposed to LD 525

"An Act to Protect Farm Workers by Allowing Them to Organize for Purposes of Collective Bargaining"

Senator Tipping, Representative Roeder and members of the joint committee of Labor and Housing, my name is Jesse O'Brien and I am speaking on behalf of the Ornamental Horticulture Council, OHC. We are a large diverse industry with thousands employed in our businesses throughout the State. We care deeply for the environment and our employees. Though some of our businesses have many employees much of the industry are small family like businesses whose owners work side by side with those that they employ. The owners appreciate and care for those employees.

In all walks of life there are business that are outliers. There are statues in place to deal with such outliers. Finally, since a similar bill last session was Vetoed by Governor Mills, we feel that this bill, **LD 525 Ought not to Pass.**

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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