

February 4, 2022

Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Wildfire Recovery

Sen. Jeff Golden, Chair  
Sen. Bill Kenemer, Vice-chair  
Sen. Dallas Heard  
Sen. Deb Patterson  
Sen. Floyd Prozanski

Re: **Support for Senate Bill 1534-2**

Dear Chair Golden and Members of the Committee:

We request that this letter be entered into the public record on this matter. **We strongly support SB 1534-2** as currently written. As we understand it, this bill (and its current -2 amendments) will set the foundation for the creation of programs to increase carbon storage and sequestration on Oregon's Natural and Working Lands (NWL). Oregon needs to take the lead on this matter: to develop a statewide effort to address the challenges brought up in this bill in a cost effective, data-driven and consistent manner.

First, a little background about us. My wife and I are retired, are small woodland owners and we own and manage about 84 acres of forestland in western Oregon near Estacada, which we have been doing for 30 years. We are proud of our forest stewardship, and we were honored for our work in 2020 as the Clackamas County Farm Forestry Association's Woodland Farmer of the Year. We are also certified by the American Tree Farm System due, in large part, to our compliance efforts with the American Forest Foundation's Standards of Sustainability and are enrolled in Forest Carbon Works, a national program to enter the carbon market with the carbon potential of our forestland. David is currently a member of Clackamas County's Climate Action Task, with our subgroup tasked with recommending provisions for carbon storage and sequestration on the county's natural and working lands; SB 1534-2 dovetails nicely with these efforts!

We support SB 1534 -2 for the following additional reasons. The bill:

1. Defines NWL, establishing the policy direction to advance carbon sequestration and storage and resilience strategies.
2. Creates a NWL Advisory Group at the Oregon Global Warming Commission.
3. Directs Oregon State University to develop metrics, an NWL inventory, and a workforce and economic development study.
4. Directs state agencies to report on metrics and the inventory.
5. Creates co-benefits to the state ranging from the expansion of climate smart practices, improves social equity and improves habitats for fish and wildlife.

**In summary, we strongly support SB 1534-2. This is a good first step in the process of recognizing Oregon's potentially leading role in carbon storage and sequestration.**

Thank you.

Sincerely,



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