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On Behalf Of:

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Measure: SB1534

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Co-Chairs Golden and members of the Committee:

For the record my name is Clair Klock from Corbett, OR. For the last 39 years my wife and I have owned a small farm with both Agr and forest land. I am testifying in strong support of SB 1534, the Natural and Working Lands bill, with the -2 amendment. This bill would be the base for the creation of programs to increase carbon sequestration and resilience on over 45 million acre of Oregon's natural and working lands.

Here in the windy Columbia Gorge, soil care with cover crops and reduced pesticide use has been the basis of our farming practices. In addition to storing carbon, healthy soils provide clean water and protection from drought and floods. Healthy soils retain more water, are rich in biodiversity and are more productive.

I can't imagine not including working forest and farmland in the effort to increase carbon sequestration.

Please do all you can to support and advance SB 1534.

Thank you for your consideration and your service.