



Oregon Legislative Assembly  
Oregon State Capitol  
900 Court Street NE  
Salem, Oregon 97301

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Dear Oregon Senators and Representatives,

We are Oregon farms, ranches and vineyard owners writing in strong support of SB 1534, the Natural and Working Lands bill, and the -2 Amendment. This bill lays the foundation for the creation of programs to increase carbon sequestration and resilience on Oregon's natural and working lands, including agricultural lands.

**SB 1534 lays the foundation for the state to support the resilience of farmland and rangeland.**

As farmers and ranchers in Oregon, we are facing extreme conditions, impacting the productivity of our land. Most recently, the drought and heat wave of 2021 put our farms and rural economies at risk. 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.

**SB 1534 is rooted in the voluntary stewardship of our land and water.**

This bill lays the foundation for a voluntary program that links economic viability with stewardship of the land. It lays the foundation for the state to provide financial incentives and a robust, knowledgeable technical assistance system to support farmers and ranchers.

**SB 1534 is good for rural economies.**

Those of us who have already implemented these practices have seen increased yields and decreased costs. With support from the state producers in Oregon will also be better positioned to leverage federal funding to enhance the viability of their farm or ranch.

What's good for the land is good for production. Please support and do all you can to advance SB 1534.

Thank you for your consideration and your service.

*Signed by:*

*6 Ranch, Enterprise*

*Agency Ranch, Fort Klamath*

*Bethel Heights Vineyard, rural Polk County*

*Black Tansy Farm, Springfield*

*Blue Raven Farm, Corbett*

*Campfire Farms, Mulino*

*Carman Ranch, Wallowa*

*Dancing Roots Farm, Troutdale*

*Fry Family Farm, Medford*

*Full Cellar Farm, Boring*

*Hope Well Wine, Sheridan*

*Horton Road Organics, Blachly*

*Living Earth Farm, Eugene*

*Middle Mountain Farm, Parkdale*

*MoonRidge Farms, Beavercreek*

*Nettle Farm, Seaside*

*PK Pastures, Sweet Home*

*Pompadour Lavender Farm, Ashland*

*Red Hat Melons, Shedd*

*Rietmann Ranch, Condon*

*Shaniko Wool Company, Maupin*

*Southworth Brothers, Seneca*

*Sublime Organics, Sublimity*

*Tanager Farm, Corbett*

*Trillium Forest Farm, Eagle Creek*

*Verdant Phoenix Farm, Phoenix*

*Wahl-3 Livestock, Port Orford*

