

House Committee on Environment and Natural Resources
Testimony in Support of SB 1533 A

February 18, 2022

Chair Marsh, Vice-Chairs Hudson & Brock Smith, and
Representatives Goodwin, Helm, Moore-Green, Owens,
Pham, Valderrama, and Wilde,

My name is Camille Mercier, and I am a member of the
Oregon Commission for Women (OCFW) and an enrolled
member of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde.

1. OCFW works toward economic, social, political, and
legal equity for the women of Oregon with particular focus
on marginalized and underrepresented women of color. We
do this through advocacy, public policy research, leadership
development, and partnerships.

2. In our statutory role of bringing equity focus and community voice into Oregon policy
making, OCFW strongly supports SB 1533 A.

Senate Bill 1533 would allow federally recognized tribes to be eligible for clean air shelters
and smoke filtration grants. The nine Oregon Tribes are located in rural areas that tend to
be more susceptible to air pollutants from wildfires. Access to clean air spaces is necessary
for tribal communities and the populations that they serve.

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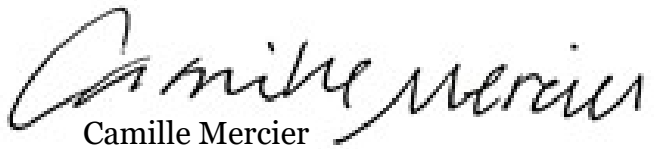
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I urge you to vote yes on SB 1533 to support Oregon tribes to access grants for clean air spaces and smoke filtration systems.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Camille Mercier". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being more prominent.

Camille Mercier

Commissioner,

The Oregon Commission for Women

