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I support SB 530 because natural climate solutions are the only way to improve the mess our environment is in. Encouraging regenerative farming strategies with the use of cover crops and no or low tillage of the soil will not only increase the carbon sequestration of the soil but will improve soil qualities, and reduce loss of topsoil, water degradation and particulate matter in our air. The benefits of slowing the harvest rotations of industrial timber harvests will increase the health of our soil, water and air and sequester carbon. We must preserve our mature and old growth forests for their incredible carbon sequestration benefits. Natural climate solutions will further improve habitats for all of our flora, fauna and fungi. We need to move rapidly to improve habitat for all of our invertebrates of the soil which will increase production from the land, and for our essential, endangered and at risk pollinators who sustain all life. It is past time that conscientious farmers and foresters gain our support.

Please do not fail to offer incentives to those existing farmers and foresters who have been using sensible, ecologically sound practices prior to this measure; and beware of false solutions promoting carbon sequestration as offsets or poorly planned or managed planting schemes!