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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Natural Resources

Measure: SB530

Chair Golden, Vice-Chair Girod, members of the Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to testify today in support of SB 530, which will help maximize carbon sequestration and improve the resilience of Oregon's forests, agricultural lands, wetlands, and natural resource economies.

We are proud to be part of a broad coalition of non-profit organizations, local elected officials, farmers, ranchers, and forest landowners across Oregon who are eager to see the legislature advance Natural Climate Solutions and pass SB 530 this session.

We support SB 530 because science tells us that in order to avoid climate catastrophe, we must transform the way we use and manage our land— from how we grow our food, to how we manage our forests and wetlands.

Oregon has made important progress in recent years to reduce emissions from some of our top polluting sectors; however, we know that additional state action will be necessary to build on this progress.

Advancing Natural Climate Solutions will be key to achieving net zero emissions by no later than 2050, which is what the IPCC has concluded is necessary to avoid the worst impacts of climate change.

At the same time, there is an urgent need to protect Oregon families, communities, and natural resource economies from ever-worsening climate impacts.

Natural Climate Solutions are a win-win for Oregon's climate and for farmers, ranchers, forest owners, and entire communities across the state: The same practices that sequester and store carbon also make our lands and waters more resilient to climate-fueled drought, wildfires, and extreme temperatures.

By investing in Natural Climate Solutions, SB 530 will both help address climate change and make our natural resource economy more resilient in the face of ever-worsening climate impacts.

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provide the resources needed to implement these practices.”

For these reasons, we strongly urge you to vote YES on SB 530. Thank you for your time.