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Senator Golden and committee members, Thanks for the opportunity to support passage of SB530. A bill like this is long overdue. In the overall picture of increasing carbon sequestration I hope you will place emphasis on eliminating clearcutting which the Center for Biological Diversity has called, "the most CO2 spewing (timber) extraction method of them all." I realize achieving this goal on private land is problematic. However, when it comes to the tiny percentage of state forestland (3%) there should be no question of ending clearcutting. County funding will have to come from adjustments in what the timber companies currently pay as the result of the sweetheart deal they created for themselves since the time when they paid their far share under the severance tax of the early nineties. That tax money could easily replace the funds current received by the counties accruing from timber industry clearcutting on state land. State forest land could then be restored increasing the goals of SB 530 and helping to usher in a new climate smart era.