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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Natural Resources

Measure: SB530

Thank you for the opportunity provide testimony 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.

I support SB 530 because it will leverage significant federal resources for Oregon's Communities. Federal legislation including the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA-\$17Billion), the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA-\$8.7Billion), upcoming 2023 Farm Bill, and potential passage of Recovering America's Wildlife Act will provide very significant federal funding opportunities for natural climate solutions. To fully access these resources, Oregon will need to be ready ahead of funding deadlines with coordinated local matching funds. SB530 will provide those funds as well as the resources to help land owners access those funds
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. SB 530 will provide the resources needed to implement these practices.

I urge you to vote YES on SB 530.

Thank you,
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