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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Natural Resources

Measure: SB530

Members of the Senate Committee on Natural Resources,

I am a mother, grandmother, and retired scientist, living on a small farm in Linn County. I am sure that you will agree that healthy forests, waters, and agricultural lands are vital to Oregon's economy, culture, and way of life. And moreover, that we need to protect these lands from current climate extremes. One of the most important steps you can take to protect the viability of Oregon's natural resource economy is to support Natural Climate Solutions (SB 350) this session.

I am convinced that the co-benefits of natural climate solutions will be beneficial for my small farm in Linn County. For example, the co-benefits of climate-smart practices would enhance my farm's soil health and soil water retention. On community and regional levels natural climate solutions would promote resilience to wildfire, droughts, and flooding, not to mention increased clean drinking water.

However, transitioning from current practices to natural climate solutions requires help. That is why I am requesting your vote and support for SB 350, Natural Climate Solutions. SB 530 will provide incentives and technical support to forest owners, farmers, and ranchers to implement voluntary natural climate solutions. In doing so, SB 350 will also better position Oregon to harness billions of dollars in federal funding for climate-smart land management.

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 strongly urge you to vote YES on SB 530.

Thank you.

Sincerely,  
D Clark