



The Climate Reality Project[®]

PORTLAND CHAPTER

Dear Chair Jeff Golden, Co-Chair Senator Fred Girod and Members of the Senate Natural Resources Committee,

Climate Reality Project, Portland branch, strongly supports SB 530, Natural Climate Solutions. We feel that it is critical that this bill is passed by the legislation at this time.

The Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) includes roughly \$30 billion in incentives for climate-smart agriculture, conservation, and sustainable forestry. SB 530 positions the state, its farmers, ranchers, forest and land owners to benefit from this funding. The time is now to pass this legislation.

The legislation built around a very cooperative approach incentivizes farm and land owners to adopt practices that will benefit the climate and the long term sustainability of their properties. It will benefit the general public and serve as an example to other states and countries.

By investing in Natural Climate Solutions, SB 530 will help both slow climate change and make our economy more resilient in the face of climate impacts which are already impacting Oregon. Protected and restored wetlands will make our coastal areas and fisheries safer. Older forests have deep and interconnected living root systems which help prevent landslides and flooding. Climate smart agriculture reduces cost and pollution by requiring less fertilizer, and also requires less water. The bill will definitely have an impact that will be measured and evaluated along the way. It includes training and incentives, the right way to get wide support by those who own the land.

We urge the senate to adopt SB 530 during this legislative cycle.

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About The Climate Reality Project

The Climate Reality Project, Portland Chapter is a local, volunteer-led group affiliated with the international non-profit The Climate Reality Project founded by climate leader and former US Vice President Al Gore, whose mission is to catalyze a global solution to the climate crisis by making urgent action a necessity across every sector of society. With a global movement more than 5 million strong and a grassroots network of trained Climate Reality Leader activists, we're spreading the truth about the climate crisis and building popular support for clean energy solutions. For more information, visit the Portland Chapter at <https://climaterealitypdx.com/>, and the Climate Reality Project at www.climaterealityproject.org or on Twitter at @ClimateReality.