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Chair Golden, Vice-Chair Girod and members of the Committee, Scientists tell us that 350 parts per million is the safe level of CO2 in the atmosphere for a stable climate. We are at 421 ppm and experiencing the effects of climate instability in wildfire, flood, more violent storms, drought, sea level rise, ocean acidification and more. The natural processes through which vegetation takes up CO2 and sequesters the carbon in forests, fields, wetlands and soil are the basis of human and ecosystem health and healthy rural economies. Oregon is blessed with vast forests and agricultural land. By providing assistance to farms and forests that use regenerative methods SB 530 will benefit them and benefit the climate.

Oregon is blessed with both forests and farmlands. SB 530 is an opportunity to protect and enhance them. It's important for the assistance that comes from this bill will go to farmers and foresters who are already using good regenerative practices as well as those who shift to them. This is a matter of fairness and will help them to survive in these times of economic uncertainty and climate instability.

I urge you to support SB 530.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment