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On Behalf Of: Rietmann Ranch  
Committee: Senate Committee On Natural Resources  
Measure: SB530

Chair Golden, Vice Chair Girod and members of the Senate Natural Resources Committee:

Much thought has been put into this bill and as a farmer / rancher from the dry side of Oregon I urge you to vote in the affirmative. I am a member of the Oregon Farm Bureau, Oregon Wheat Growers League, Oregon Cattlemen's Association and Oregon Small Woodlands Association. We produce wheat for export, feed barley, and cattle which are marketed through Painted Hills Natural Beef. We strive for convergence of ecology and economics. We can prove our farming and grazing practices result in more organic matter (therefor more carbon) in our soil.

High input prices necessitate a shift in thinking to use natural solutions to growing crops and raising livestock. Change is hard and we need research and education appropriate to Oregon. Federal money needs to be directed to our unique needs.

Thank you.  
Tom Rietmann