

Chair Golden, Vice-Chair Girod, and members of the committee,

My name is Kim Wagner and I am writing in support of SB 530.

I am passionate about taking action to stop climate change and I believe that SB 530 would help in this fight. SB 530 is common-sense legislation that will help increase carbon sequestration on our forests, agricultural lands, and wetlands. These changes are needed and necessary to sequester carbon that is leading to climate change and increase our Oregon communities' resilience to withstand natural disasters.

Advancing these natural climate solutions is paramount to avoid climate catastrophe and utilizing investment from the state to incentivise Oregon's farmers, ranchers, forest owners, and communities to put these practices in place. These practices will also help the environment to be more resistant to climate-fueled drought, wildfires, and extreme temperatures. These solutions are a win-win - more funding is put into climate solutions, and our crops can thrive better in a safer environment.

For these reasons, I urge you to give SB 530 a resounding AYE vote.

Thank you for your consideration,

Kim Wagner