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On Behalf Of:

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I am a landowner of a 250 acre ranch near Baker City, OR. This land has been in my family since 1961. It is my intent to manage this property as an area for wildlife to proliferate and forests to progress naturally. I have utilized the EQIP Program for the Wildland Urban Interface on several occasions throughout the last 20 years. I have done this to provide wildfire risk mitigation close to the home.

I am strongly in favor of SB 530-Natural Climate Solutions. This bill provides so many opportunities to benefit the community, private landowners and the planet. The effects of climate change are upon us. The best tools we have at our disposal for dealing with these effects are our forests and watersheds, both public and private. It would be incredibly foolish to trade away our opportunity to apply the sound practices proposed in this bill for short term gains to a very small sliver of the community. I am personally committed to utilizing any and all programs available to me that support natural climate solutions on my property. This bill provides an amazing opportunity to move the needle in the right direction regarding our attitudes and practices around land management. It is unthinkable that we would squander it. Please work to pass SB 530 so that all of us can benefit.