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On Behalf Of: Bethel Heights Vineyard  
Committee: Senate Committee On Natural Resources  
Measure: SB530

I support SB 530 because along with other farms and ranches, our vineyard is experiencing the impacts of a changing climate with drought, extreme heat, and wildfires. At Bethel Heights we lost our entire 2020 vintage to the impact of wildfire smoke on our wines, along with many vineyards in the Willamette Valley, creating severe financial stress for many.

At the same time, we know that farmers can play a uniquely important role in the long term mitigation and even reversal of climate change. Many of us are very eager to engage in this effort to harness the power of agriculture to create healthy soils that can store billions of tons of Carbon.

The Natural Climate Solutions Bill will provide the incentives and resources that farmers need to implement practices that sequester and store carbon, retain water, and improve water quality, and that also make farms and ranches more resilient in the face of climate-fueled drought, wildfires, and extreme temperatures.

For these reasons, I strongly urge you to vote YES on SB 530.