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On Behalf Of: Myself

Committee: Senate Committee On Natural Resources

Measure: SB 530

Dear Senators,

I am strongly in favor of SB 530.

There's no question that we have to start drawing down the excessive CO₂ in our atmosphere if we hope to get it down to a sustainable level. As is well known, excess CO₂ will hang around for hundreds of years. Granted maybe half of it will wind up in the ocean, but that only makes the ocean more acidic. This is already a big problem for the shellfish industry in our state.

By far the best way to start this drawdown of CO₂ is to use natural sequestration, i.e. plant CO₂ sequestration via photosynthesis. This can be greatly expedited via improved farming and forestry practices, something that SB 350 will incentivize.

Of course we also have to limit and then eliminate CO₂ emissions, but SB 350 is a very good first step in drawing down CO₂.

Please work to pass SB 350 in this session.

Thank you,

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