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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Committee On Ways and Means Subcommittee On  
Natural Resources

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB5039

Dear Co-Chairs Frederick and Levy and members of the Joint Committee on Ways and Means Natural Resources Subcommittee,

I'm writing to urge your support for the \$5M investment in the Natural and Working Lands fund in OWEB's budget for the 25-27 biennium. In this environment of enormous swings, from extreme heat to freezing cold, from drought to flooding, these projects provide incentives and technical support to assist rural Oregonians protect their lands. This program is relatively new and with funding and staff support, it can build on the initial work and not lose the progress they've made so far. The overall outcome can result in healthier soils, improved water quality and more sequestered carbon in our region.

Sincerely,  
Paulette Wittwer