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On Behalf Of: Future life in OREGON
Committee: Joint Committee On Ways and Means Subcommittee On
Natural Resources
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB5009

Dear CoChairs Sen Lew Frederick and Rep Emerson Levy and Committee Members,
The future of life on our planet is at risk from climate warming which is causing extremes in storms, flooding, drought, fires, heat and rising sea levels. The current federal administration is actively opposing measures to halt the burning of fossil fuels or to take any action to slow the warming or mitigate against its effects. While there are hundreds of needed programs in Oregon which could benefit the people at large, this particular funding has special significance as a chance to better prepare Oregon forests to handle the coming impacts of warming and flooding while keeping more carbon in the ground than is currently possible. After long and collaborative discussions the conservationists and timber interests have formed the Private Forest Accord to more clearly protect water and fish on steep slopes as well as clarify timber cutting provisions. Full funding is needed to have a chance to accomplish the practices needed to protect about a million acres of trees which are essential to a cooler, livable future.

Thank you for your consideration,
Emily Herbert, Native Oregonian