

February 7, 2020

Senate Committee on Environment and Natural Resources  
Oregon State Legislature  
900 Court St NE  
Salem, OR 97301

**Re: Support for SB 1530 “Relating to greenhouse gas emissions”**

Dear Members of the Committee:

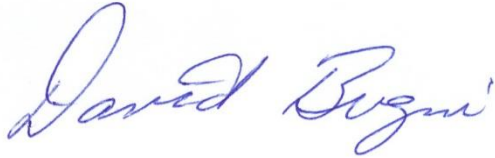
Our names are David and Mary Ann Bugni. Our family owns about 84 acres of forestland in rural Estacada. Firstly, we want to commend you on your leadership on this complex societal issue and your development of this legislation. As with last year’s HB 2020, our intent with this letter is to voice support for SB 1530, in general, to advocate for the continued presence of a robust carbon sequestration and storage program as outlined in sections 26 and 27 of the bill, and to present some recommendations going forward. We were pleased to see that many of our recommendations, particularly those centering on a carbon storage and sequestration program and its ancillary environmental benefits, were incorporated in some form or fashion into HB 2020 and continue in SB 1530.

We present the following opinions and recommendations to aid in the passage of this bill and to monitor its effects going forward:

1. Continue strong and comprehensive language within the bill to:
  - a. Promote carbon dioxide sequestration and storage utilizing Oregon’s forestlands;
  - b. Promote adaptation and resilience by natural and working lands, fish and wildlife resources, communities, the economy, and the state’s infrastructure; and
  - c. Provide the necessary assistance to households, businesses, and workers impacted by climate change or climate change policies.
2. Some have stated that this bill should be referred to the voters. We do not agree with this position because of the bill’s complexity and comprehensiveness. Legislation of this nature is far too complex for the typical voter to spend time studying. Voters could easily get confused, or be swayed by misinformation campaigns on multiple fronts and simply vote “no” as a result. American history is replete with examples of effective, progressive, complex and far-reaching legislation that was handled exclusively within the legislative and executive branches (e.g. Social Security, the Voting Rights Act and Medicare). This is why we elect representatives such as yourselves: to study these issues in detail and act on our behalf.
3. The bill should not be further diluted to satisfy special interests. It appears that many compromises were already made, and the bill’s effectiveness could be reduced if additional concessions are incorporated, resulting in Oregon not meeting its greenhouse gas reduction goals.
4. As a possible amendment to this bill, we strongly recommend that an updated cost/benefit analysis be required and conducted (similar to that was done by the Berkeley Economic Advising and Research group during the crafting of HB 2020) to run a simulation of the bill’s final language to determine its actual effects on the state, given the modifications that were made to the bill over time to verify that it remains an effective piece of legislation, that it will do all that was promised, and to assess its cost to average urban and rural Oregonians. An objective, nonpartisan agency or firm should be retained to conduct such an analysis. Then, if flaws are

found or improvements deemed necessary, further legislation can be developed to incorporate what was learned to enhance its effectiveness and fair treatment of Oregonians statewide.

Thank you for all of your efforts, and all those in the legislature that spent many hours studying, crafting and advocating for this vital piece of legislation.



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