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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Natural Resources and Wildfire Recovery

Measure: SB1501

I am writing to encourage you to quickly pass this bill that has already gone through an incredible collaborative process to develop the Private Forest Accord. This needs to be codified so it can be implemented. The Private Forest Accord greatly increases protection of riparian areas and steep slopes so that more trees will be protected from the saw on private industrial forest lands. Our climate emergency, the state of clean drinking water supplies in coastal communities, and salmon and other wildlife habitat need us to act on this measure as quickly as we can. It is not all we need to do, but the first step in the right direction. Thank you!