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To: Senate Natural Resources and Wildfire Recovery Committee

From: Jackson Soil and Water Conservation District (JSWCD)

Re: SB 1534, Carbon Sequestration in Natural and Working Lands

Chair Golden and Members of the Committee,

JSWCD serves Jackson County by protecting our natural resources through education and technical assistance to implement voluntary conservation in partnership with private landowners and federal, state, and nonprofit partners.

We support Senate Bill 1534 which will take the first steps to implement the Oregon Global Warming Commission's Natural and Working Lands Proposal. This proposal properly recognizes the importance of carbon sinks in our natural and working lands, our need to manage the resources accordingly, and the many co-benefits of taking such actions. We appreciate that SB 1534 declares it a policy of Oregon to advance carbon sequestration strategies in natural and working lands. We also recognize the urgency of other key provisions of the bill that will set the groundwork for moving forward by forming an advisory committee, developing a carbon sequestration inventory and baseline, and developing metrics.

We look forward to further advancements of the Natural and Working Lands Proposal in subsequent legislative sessions.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide our input.

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