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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Natural Resources and Wildfire Recovery

Measure: SB1534

Chair Golden and Members of the Committee,

I am a small farmer in the Willamette Valley and I also serve on the Marion Soil and Water Conservation District board. I write in enthusiastic support of SB 1534.

Given how wild fires, draughts, heat waves, and other extreme fluctuations in weather patterns have adversely impacted agricultural production in Oregon, I am eager to adopt practices that have been scientifically shown to improve soil fertility, water retention, and crop resilience. SB 1534 will help land owners interested in adopting these practices with technical assistance and grants. This will make it much easier for farmers to transition to these practices. I look forward to being able to raise the quality as well as quantity of produce I can grow after adopting these practices, and being able to market them for better prices. Not only will SB 1534 be good for producers, it will also be good for Oregon as it will increase the availability of quality agricultural produce for all Oregonians.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input,

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