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As a rural Oregonian of 27+ years, I would like to put forth my efforts to be an activist to help stabilize climate change. When I learned about SB1534, I was delighted that our legislation has discovered the immense value of incentives and pushing for powerful changes in our agricultural system. As I have been observing the change in economy since Covid19 and climate change disasters, being a resident of Oregon has been interesting because though I may be surrounded by farms, there are still empty shelves in the grocery stores and prices continue to soar out of the range of most low income people I know. My family can no longer afford to feed each other and that is a serious problem. I am afraid of the consequences of not having proper processes in good farming to ensure wealth and health of future crops. It is a terrifying thought that not only will we soon no longer be able to afford to feed ourselves, but there wont be enough food to sell to our growing population.

Something has to be done and I believe incentivizing things like carbon sequestration is an excellent idea that I believe many farmers will be either directly interested in, or will soon learn about the immense benefits, economically, lucratively, environmentally and by the quality and quantity in which they will soon be able to achieve on their lands. I want food security as well as access and knowing that as rural Oregonians, we are doing our best part to make things better for the world around us and for many years to come. If we don't take this opportunity, I fear there could be some devastating consequences that will be irreversible. Please help this Bill SB1534 Pass, I believe we would all benefit greatly from this.