



Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Wildfire Recovery  
Oregon State Capitol  
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Chair Golden and members of the Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Wildfire Recovery:

I am writing on behalf of Living Soil Institute in strong support of SB 1534, the Natural and Working Lands bill, and the -2 Amendment. This bill lays the foundation for the creation of programs to increase carbon sequestration and resilience on Oregon's natural and working lands.

Our planet currently has an estimated 60 years left of arable topsoil before we have completely destroyed our ability to grow food AND lost one of the greatest carbon sinks on our planet, living soil. As an educator and a parent with young children, I work to create policy and infrastructure that supports our ability to regenerate and heal from the human cause damage our planet is currently reeling from. Investing in the incredible carbon sequestration available through building healthy soils is one of the fastest, most economically sound strategies for healing our climate and providing greater health for human and more than human alike. SB 1534 provides the critical foundation for scaling proven carbon sequestration methods and ensures the possibility for a vibrant, sustainable and equitable future for all of us.

Please support and do all you can to advance SB 1534.  
Thank you for your consideration and your service.

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