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Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Wildfire Recovery
Oregon State Capitol
900 Court Street NE
Salem, Oregon 97301

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Re: Support for Senate Bill 1534

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

I am writing on behalf of Rogue Farm Corps in strong support of SB 1534, the Natural and Working Lands bill. This bill lays the foundation for the creation of programs to increase carbon sequestration and climate resilience on Oregon's natural and working lands.

Rogue Farm Corps is a state-wide nonprofit organization training and equipping the next generation of Oregon's farmers and ranchers. Rogue Farm Corps (RFC) was founded in the Rogue Valley in 2004, and since that time we have partnered with dozens of farmers and ranchers across the state to mentor the next generation of food producers so they can continue to feed our communities and steward our working lands into the future. RFC teaches and promotes farming practices that conserve and restore topsoil, water, and biodiversity. Rooted in Oregon's agricultural communities, RFC serves beginning farmers and ranchers who seek hands-on training and an entry point into a career in agriculture.

SB 1534 is a critical piece of legislation because it lays the foundation for the state to invest in climate resilience and provide much-needed technical assistance to support farmers and ranchers in implementing practices that build soil health and sequester carbon. These farming practices have co-benefits that increase yields, decrease the risk of crop loss due to pests and disease, protect ecosystems, and support rural economies. Please support and do all you can to advance SB 1534. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Abigail Singer', written in a cursive style.

Abigail Singer
Executive Director
Rogue Farm Corps