



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

February 7, 2022

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

I am writing on behalf of the Oregon Climate and Agriculture Network (OrCAN) in strong support of SB 1534, the Natural and Working Lands bill, and the -2 Amendment.

The policies included in SB 1534 came from the Oregon Global Warming Coalition's (OGWC) [Natural and Working Lands Proposal](#). The OGWC had an *extensive and inclusive* stakeholder engagement process and OrCAN and our partners weighed in at every opportunity including:

- Participation in the OGWC's surveys on practices, programs, policies and goals
- Participation in OGWC focus groups on barriers, opportunities, policies and practices
- Submitting our formal recommendations on practices, policies and programs
- Providing written and verbal comments on the OGWC's draft versions Proposal

Through this process, OrCAN engaged with a wide range of farmers and ranchers to better understand the barriers and opportunities to implementing practices with the potential to sequester carbon in the soil. We heard loud and clear from producers that they are interested in better technical assistance and financial incentives to implement these practices.

SB 1534 lays the foundation for the creation of programs to increase carbon sequestration and resilience on Oregon's farms and ranches, including voluntary incentives and technical assistance, developed with input from land managers.

Please support and advance SB 1534, with the -2 Amendment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Megan Kemple". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a light blue horizontal line.

Megan Kemple, Director of Policy Advocacy, Oregon Climate and Agriculture Network