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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 professional forester with more than 35 years of experience and I strongly oppose SB 1534. Forests are a natural solution to climate change, yet this bill fails to recognize that wood products provide long term storage of carbon. When mature timber stands are harvested and manufactured into products like lumber, plywood, and mass timber products, the carbon in the trees is locked up in those products for decades. Meanwhile, a new forest is re-established in place of the harvested trees to continue to sequester carbon for another rotation of 40 years or more. SB 1534 FAILS to recognize this cycle and instead, favors a policy that simply reduces timber harvests.

This bill has been developed without the input of experts. Professional foresters can help get this right, and provide a better climate solution!