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Chair Golden:

On behalf of Friends of Family Farmers (FoFF), I'm happy to share our support for SB 1534, specifically with the -2 amendment. This legislation will lay important groundwork to ensure that Oregon progresses towards increasing carbon sequestration and supports our farmers and ranchers who have been faced with extreme climate conditions.

We have heard first-hand from FoFF members who have successfully utilized climate smart agriculture practices to sequester carbon, strengthen soil health, and decrease their production costs. SB 1534-2 will provide important technical assistance and financial incentives to help expand these practices to help more farmers across Oregon respond to the impacts of climate change.

As the Oregon Global Warming Commission convenes the natural and working lands advisory committee, as outlined in SB 1534-2, we appreciate the inclusion of agricultural interests in this very important conversation. FoFF stands ready to elevate the voices of the farmers and producers that our organization represents to ensure these discussions are enriched by the lived and "on the ground" experience our members can provide.

Friends of Family Farmers thanks Chair Golden, and all the members of the Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Wildlife Recovery, for your diligent work on this important issue. On behalf of family farmers across our state, we urge swift action to pass SB 1534-2 and look forward to lending our support on this bill throughout the legislative process.

Thank you,

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