

Submitter: Craig Herman

On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Natural Resources and Wildfire Recovery

Measure: SB1534

Chair Golden and members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to ask you to oppose SB 1534. I'm concerned that some of the definitions in SB 1534 fall short of maximizing our forests' potential to contribute to climate change mitigation. The bill does not correctly consider the long-term carbon storage benefits of building with wood products in favor of policy that would reduce timber harvests. This bill has been developed without the input of experts as well as people that have small woodlands. This bill needs considerable work with professional foresters and wood products specialists who can help get this right. This bill should not be considered in the short session. Please slow down and take the time to hear from experts in the field and bring an improved version of this bill back in the future when it's ready.