

To: Chair Golden, Vice Chair Girod and Members of the Committee Senate  
Committee on Natural Resources

From: Aileen Kaye SD 9 (Constituent of Sen. Girod)

Date: 2-6-23

Re: "Yes" on SB 509-1 Reducing Wildfire Risk

Please pass SB 509-1 out of committee. We need to do all we can to prevent the fires that have been occurring in Oregon over the past 6 years.

We live in a rural area because we have horses. We live in the fertile mid-Willamette Valley, yet we were 5 miles west of being evacuated when the Gates/Mill City fires headed west! It was totally terrifying! We MUST do something to reduce the risk of fires due to the consistently dry conditions in our state.

I hate to say out loud what many know but won't say: Several of the homes that burned up the canyon and also in Lane County should not have been built there in the first place due to fire hazards (not to mention loss of wildlife habitat).

Of course SB 509-1 should be passed. We can't keep burying our heads in the sand.

Thank you for your consideration.