

February 10, 2023

Senator Jeff Golden, Chair  
Senate Committee on Environment and Natural Resources  
900 Court St. NE  
Salem, OR 97301

**RE: Support Senate Bill 530, Natural Climate Solutions**

Dear Chair Golden and Members of the Senate Committee on Environment and Natural Resources:

As a north Oregon coast resident and a small woodlot owner, I urge you to support Senate Bill 530. SB 530 is urgently needed to maximize carbon sequestration by our natural and working lands and achieve net zero emissions by no later than 2050, which is what the IPCC has concluded is necessary to avoid the worst impacts of climate change.

As a coastal resident, I know firsthand that the Oregon Coast is already being affected by sea level rise, increased storm events, and ocean acidification. We MUST be part of the solution as soon as possible. We are losing homes and infrastructure to coastal erosion, facing more flooding, and our shellfish and fishing industries are hurting.

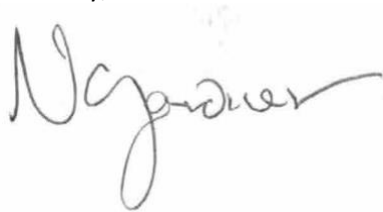
This common sense legislation will help ensure our forests, waters, and agricultural lands and natural resource economy is more resilient in the face of ever-worsening climate impacts, while maximizing carbon sequestration to help achieve our climate goals.

SB 530 will fund and direct state agencies to provide incentives and technical support to forest owners, farmers, and ranchers to implement natural climate solutions on natural and working lands; It will also invest in a comprehensive Oregon natural and working lands inventory and study opportunities for workforce development and training.

In doing so, SB 530 will position the state to harness billions of dollars in recently passed federal funding and private investments in natural climate solutions, by creating a source of state funding for voluntary actions to remove climate pollution from the atmosphere and store it in natural and working lands.

Thank you for supporting SB 530 to help Oregon be part of the climate crisis solutions and also support our natural areas, working forests, and farms.

Sincerely,

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