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On Behalf Of:  
Committee: Senate Committee On Natural Resources  
Measure: SB530

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Dear Chair Golden, Vice-Chair Girod and Members of the Committee;

My name is KB Mercer. My husband, David Huffman, and I are proud Oregonians who are thankful for the opportunity to comment in wholehearted support of SB 530, Natural Climate Solutions. SB 530 will help maximize carbon sequestration and improve the resilience of Oregon's forests, agricultural lands, wetlands and natural resource economies.

This beautiful state has the potential to be a carbon sink for the entire nation, besides protecting the natural beauty we all love and enjoy as residents. SB 530 is a win-win for farmers, ranchers and forest owners, and will increase our resilience to climate change.

We must shoot to achieve net zero by 2050, which the IPCC has concluded is necessary to avoid the worst coming impacts of climate change.

This natural solution is a foundational pillar in Oregon's climate plan, and we must get SB 530 enshrined into law this session.

We enthusiastically support of SB 530, and hope you will, too.

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