



Senate Natural Resources Committee  
Oregon State Capitol  
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Salem, Oregon 97301

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Chair Golden, Vice-Chair Girod, and members of the Senate Natural Resources Committee:

I am writing on behalf of Oregon Climate and Agriculture Network in support of the Natural Climate Solutions Bill, SB 530. As you will see in the list attached to this testimony, *over 50 farms and ranches from across the state have endorsed SB 530.*

Oregon's farmers and ranchers are experiencing the impacts of climate change with drought, extreme heat, floods and wildfires. At the same time, farmers have an important role to play in mitigating climate change. Agricultural practices with the potential to sequester carbon include:

- cover cropping
- compost application
- no till and reduced tillage
- rotational grazing
- silvopasture, riparian plantings, hedgerows, and other agroforestry practices

Farmers who want to make changes in their practices to mitigate and be more resilient to climate change need support. SB 530 provides funding and direction to the state to provide financial incentives and a robust, knowledgeable technical assistance system to support farmers and ranchers. Technical assistance, including farmer to farmer support, could be provided by trusted farm service providers like OSU Extension and Soil and Water Conservation Districts. Financial assistance could be provided with grants from Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board (OWEB) for practices that have a carbon sequestration or climate mitigation benefit.

SB 530 would provide needed resources for farmers and ranchers who are ready to be part of the solution to the problem of a changing climate.

Please do all you can to advance SB 530 this session. Thank you for your consideration and your service.

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## Over 50 Farms and Ranches in Support of SB 530

2FoxFarm, Rickreall  
6 Ranch, Enterprise  
Agency Ranch, Chiloquin  
Belle Mare Farm, Willamina  
Bethel Heights Vineyard, Salem  
Black Tansy Farm, Springfield  
Blue Raven Farm, Amity  
Bunchgrass Land & Livestock, Union  
Campfire Farms, Mulino  
CAMPO, Hillsboro  
Carman Ranch, Wallowa  
Clearview Heritage Farm, Halsey  
Cooper Mountain Vineyards, Beaverton  
Deck Family Farm, Junction City  
Defrees Ranch, Baker City  
Elderberry Wisdom Farm, Salem  
Fields Farm, Bend  
Fry Family Farm, Medford  
Full Cellar Farm, Boring  
Good Rain Farm, Portland  
Grassward Dairy, Blodgett  
Hardy Seeds, Ashland  
Hope Well Wine, Sheridan  
Horton Road Organics, Blachly  
Humming Bee Nursery, Marcola  
Knudsen Vineyards, Dundee  
La Creole Orchards, Salem  
Labishire Homestead Commons, Brooks  
Living Earth Farm, Eugene  
Middle Mountain Farm, Portland  
MoonRidge Farms, Beavercreek  
Nella Mae's Farm, Cove  
Oak Pond, Noti  
Oakhill Organics, Dayton  
Oodelally Farm, Central Point  
Oshala Farm, Grants Pass  
Pandion Farm, Corvallis  
PK Pastures, Sweet Home  
Pompadour Lavender Farm, Ashland  
Rietmann Ranch, Condon  
River Bend Farm, Pleasant Hill  
Sakari Farms LLC, Bend  
Shaniko Wool Company, Maupin  
Small is Beautiful, Eugene  
Sublime Organics, Sublimity  
Sweet Union Farm, Klamath Falls  
Thomas Creek Farm, Molalla  
Upriver Organics, Leaburg  
Wade & Rufener Orchards, The Dalles  
Wahl-3 Livestock, Port Orford  
White Oak Farm, Williams  
Winter Green Farm, Noti