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Personal letter in support of SB 530

Dear Chair Jeff Golden, Co-Chair Senator Fred Girod and Members of the Senate Natural Resources Committee,

As a new resident to Oregon I am thrilled to see that you are introducing a bill to move Oregon toward the study and the implementation of Natural Climate Solutions.

I wholeheartedly support the fact that SB530 proposes to study and monitor the net carbon sequestration and storage that will result from the incentives given to working and natural land owners to implement natural climate solutions.

As a mature and old forest lover, I applaud the objective of this bill to invest in research on the impact of natural climate solutions. The impact of old and large trees on the climate is well documented, but adding more research and data pertaining to the Oregonian landscape is important to persuade all parties. I also love the fact that the bill proposes a vast training program and reaches to all the populations that are involved with the management of natural and working lands.

The cooperative nature of the bill is very encouraging, working with and coordinating the efforts of the different state agencies that will have an impact on the implementation of natural climate solutions.

I feel that this bill is a first step and will lead to better knowledge and greater implementation of natural climate solutions that not only will mitigate some of our emissions but will increase the long-term sustainability of our working and natural lands. Oregon has the opportunity to be a leader in this area.

Thank you for all the amazing work and tenacity in shaping this bill. I hope that the bill will pass during this session of the legislature

Best regards,

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