Senate Committee on Natural Resources
Oregon State Capitol
900 Court St. NE
Salem Oregon 97301

February 14, 2023

RE: Joint Testimony in Support of SB 530

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

The undersigned organizations representing conservation, climate, business, environmental justice, and natural resource communities from across Oregon enthusiastically urge your support on SB 530, the Natural Climate Solutions bill.

This legislation is a win-win for Oregon's climate, and for land managers, environmental justice communities, and Tribes. It will both fight climate change <u>and</u> protect farmers, ranchers, forest owners, and entire communities against ever-worsening climate impacts. For these and other reasons, **more than 50 landowners and managers across Oregon have endorsed SB 530**.

Natural climate solutions are key to achieving net zero emissions by no later than 2050, which is what scientific consensus has concluded is necessary to avoid irreversible catastrophic climate impacts. At the same time, practices that sequester and store carbon can also make our lands and waters more resilient to climate extremes. Improving climate resilience is essential as drought, wildfires, and extreme temperatures continue to threaten Oregon's water supply, agriculture yields, and other natural resource sectors. These solutions also offer additional co-benefits such as better wildlife habitat, access to clean drinking water, and improved access to nature.

By providing incentives and technical support to forest owners, farmers, and ranchers to implement natural climate solutions on natural and working lands, SB 530 will help maximize carbon sequestration and climate resiliency on our forests, agricultural lands, and wetlands and improve the health of Oregon communities and our natural resource economy. In doing so, this legislation will position Oregon to leverage billions of dollars in new federal funding and private investments in climate-smart land management practices.

For all these reasons, we are enthusiastic about the bill and the many opportunities it provides. We respectfully ask for your support and urge a yes vote on SB 530.

Sincerely

1000 Friends of Oregon	350 Eugene	350 Salem OR	350 Washington County	350PDX
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Coalition of Oregon Land Trusts	Douglas County Global Warming Coalition	Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon	Friends of Family Farmers	Hope Well Wine
KS Wild	L&C Carbon	League of Women Voters of Oregon	Metro Climate Action Team	Oregon Association of Conservation Districts
Oregon Business for Climate	Oregon Climate and Agriculture Network	Oregon Coast Alliance	Oregon Environmental Council	Oregon Interfaith Power & Light

Oregon Shores Conservation Coalition

Oregon Chapter Sierra Club

Oregon Wild

Pacific Forest Trust

Portland Audubon

Rural Oregon Climate Political Action Committee (ROCPAC)

Springboard Forestry LLC

Sunrise Movement PDX

Sustainable Northwest

Sustainable Solutions Group of the Newberg-Dundee Area

The Environmental Center

The Intertwine Alliance
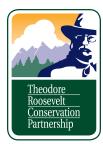
Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership (TRCP)

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