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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Natural Resources

Measure: SB530

Dear Chair Golden, vice-chair Girod, and members of the committee,

I am writing in strong support of SB530, which will help maximize carbon sequestration and improve the resilience of Oregon's forests, agricultural lands, wetlands, and natural resource economies.

As you know, this bill will help incentivize and provide technical support to forest owners, farmers, and ranchers to implement natural climate solutions on natural and working lands.

It will also position the state to harness billions of dollars in recently passed federal funding and private investments for natural climate solutions.

In addition to these technical details, SB530 helps Oregonians shift our consciousness to the importance of restoring regenerative ecosystems, balancing them with truly sustainable industries.

The exploitative mindset of our economy has brought us to the crisis of climate change and massive species extinction. SB530 will help us shift to economies of regeneration and sustainable harvesting, valuing and financially supporting the work of sequestration and ecosystem restoration.

Thank you for supporting this bill.  
sincerely, Harriet Cooke