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I support SB530, Natural Climate Solutions.

Humanity is running out of time to save itself. So far, we are failing. We must do much more, or our extinction will begin.

This bill promotes an approach that, if prudently managed, can foster collaborative actions with those who are most resistant to taking effective action to reduce climate change. Using natural processes to reduce carbon emissions and sequester carbon will allow farmers, ranchers, the timber industry, recreationalists, and urban areas to continue their livelihoods in a less destructive way and perhaps “brin them into the fold” of climate activists. I applaud this approach.

I do have the following construction comment: an overall goal or target for reduction in carbon emissions or increase in carbon sequestration should be stated with a target date. Otherwise we can spin our wheels, spend the money, accomplish little, and then declare “victory”, but will have failed.

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