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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Natural Resources

Measure: SB530

To Whom It May Concern,

I manage two rural properties for my mother, a 25-acre parcel in rural Lane County, and a five acre parcel in western Douglas County. We log both parcels sparingly. I support SB 530 for the following reasons:

First, we are already losing Douglas-fir trees to heat and drought on both properties. Our timber resources on these properties are few, and these losses are significant in both the near and long-term future. Mitigating the effects of climate change on our woodlots is fundamental to having those trees available as a future resource.

Second, we have grandsons. While we consider our forested properties to be an intergenerational resource, this is a comparatively small concern in the context of global climate change. Any action that facilitates carbon sequestration by forests is the right thing to do for the future of our family, and all families worldwide. The people of Oregon have an opportunity to become national leaders in using forests to mitigate global climate change. It is our moral imperative.

Vote yes on SB 530.