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Senate Committee on Natural Resources  
900 Court St. NE  
Salem, OR 97301

**Re: Public Testimony in Support of SB 530**

Tualatin Riverkeepers (TRK) is a community-based organization that protects and restores the Tualatin River watershed. We build watershed stewardship through engagement, advocacy, restoration, access, and education. We write to support SB 530, or commonly referred to as the Natural and Working Lands Bill.

A key focus of our organization is ensuring our watershed is climate resilient, and therefore able to recover from climate-related disturbances. The Tualatin watershed is one-third urban, one-third agricultural lands, and one-third forest lands, meaning two-thirds of our watershed would qualify as “natural and working lands.” SB 530 will have a significant impact in our watershed, promoting healthy lands and improving water quality for over half a million residents who rely on it.

Advancing Natural Climate Solutions will be key to achieving net zero emissions by no later than 2050, which is what the IPCC has concluded is necessary to avoid the worst impacts of climate change. Mitigation and adaptation both play a crucial role in ensuring the longevity of our watershed for current and future generations. By investing in Natural Climate Solutions, SB 530 will both help address climate change *and* make our natural resource economy more resilient in the face of ever-worsening climate impacts.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions regarding these comments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Victoria Frankeny". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Victoria" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Frankeny".

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