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House Committee on Environment and Natural Resources

Testimony in Support of SB 1533 A

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Chair Marsh, Vice-Chairs Hudson & Brock Smith, and Representatives Goodwin, Helm, Moore-Green, Owens, Pham, Valderrama, and Wilde,

My name is Camille Mercier, and I am a member of the Oregon Commission for Women (OCFW) and an enrolled member of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde.

1. OCFW works toward economic, social, political, and legal equity for the women of Oregon with particular focus on marginalized and underrepresented women of color. We do this through advocacy, public policy research, leadership development, and partnerships.

2. In our statutory role of bringing equity focus and community voice into Oregon policy making, OCFW strongly supports SB 1533 A.

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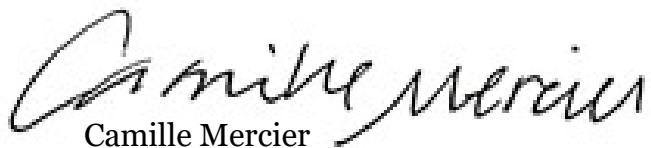
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Senate Bill 1533 would allow federally recognized tribes to be eligible for clean air shelters and smoke filtration grants. The nine Oregon Tribes are located in rural areas that tend to be more susceptible to air pollutants from wildfires. Access to clean air spaces is necessary for tribal communities and the populations that they serve.



I urge you to vote yes on SB 1533 to support Oregon tribes to access grants for clean air spaces and smoke filtration systems.

Sincerely,



Camille Mercier

Commissioner,

The Oregon Commission for Women

