

To: Senate Committee on Energy and Environment  
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Subject: SB 88, relating to electric or gas company expenses

I am outraged to know that gas companies have been recovering from rate payers costs of activities that are against our best interests. I'm referring to advertising that causes customers to increase their use of natural gas and lobbying that restricts jurisdictions from regulating gas hookups in new housing.

We are in a climate crisis, and methane is a major cause of emissions that are heating the planet. According to NASA, the concentration of methane in the atmosphere has more than doubled over the past 200 years. Scientists estimate that this increase is responsible for 20 to 30% of climate warming since the Industrial Revolution. Between 2021-21 global methane emissions increased by the largest amount since measurements of the greenhouse gas began in 1983 according to NOAA.

Over a 20-year period, methane traps about 80 times more heat than CO2. The heat is causing extreme weather conditions in Oregon, including more disastrous wildfires.

I urge you to pass SB 88 to protect us from high utility costs and a worsening climate.