

I urge you to **support SB 88** to ensure that utilities—not ratepayers—bear the costs of advertising, legal battles, and lobbying efforts. These expenses should come from company profits, not the pockets of hardworking Oregonians.

As providers of essential public services, utilities should only recover costs that directly improve **service reliability, affordability, and public safety**. Funding political influence and misleading public relations campaigns does not serve the public interest.

Regulation exists to prevent utilities from **abusing their monopoly power**—but without strong oversight, they will continue shifting unjustifiable costs onto ratepayers.

As someone who works directly to mitigate wildfire risks, I see firsthand how **climate change is fueling these disasters**. I should not be forced to subsidize the lobbying efforts of companies that **weaken environmental protections** or falsely market methane as “natural” gas when it is, in reality, a major driver of climate change.

SB 88 is a commonsense measure to protect ratepayers and ensure utility spending aligns with the public good. I urge you to pass it.