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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Energy and Environment

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB88

I am writing in support of SB 88 to make sure that advertising, legal, and lobbyist fees come out of company profits, not rate payer pockets.

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I support SB 88 because it addresses a fundamental unfairness: for-profit utilities shouldn't force customers to pay for their lobbyists, lawyers, advertising, and industry association memberships. These expenses, often totaling millions of dollars annually, are essentially 'junk fees' added to our bills. It's particularly concerning when Oregon's largest for-profit utilities have increased rates by roughly 50% in just four years. Meanwhile, Oregonians are already struggling with rising fossil fuel costs, wildfire damage, and subsidies for large industrial users. SB 88 is a crucial step toward ensuring these operational costs come from company profits, not our wallets, and helps rein in excessive rate hikes.

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Thank you in advance for your support of SB 88.