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On Behalf Of: the Vocal Seniority  
Committee: Senate Committee On Energy and Environment  
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB88

Dear Chairman Sollman, Vice\_Chair Smith and memberrs of the Senate Committee On Energy and Environment,

My name is Craig Lacy and I am writing on behalf of The Vocal Seniority, an Indivisible group in Bend Oregon. We are in support of SB 88. We don't feel that ratepayers should be liable to fund lobbying efforts, advertising or legal fees. These should be paid out of company profits.

Energy rates are soaring for a variety of reasons. Demand from large energy users like data centers, wildfire issues, upgrading transmission lines etc. etc. Supporting this legislation is one way to help keep rates down for residential and small business ratepayers. Often times these utilities lobby to do things that will raise rates such as adding nuclear power to the grid or prevent the development of renewable energy which is now cheaper than fossil fuel development. This does not benefit ratepayers.

A while ago, I couldn't afford to pay my energy bill. It was one of the darkest days of my life.

please support SB 88

Craig Lacy.