



Dear Chair Sollman, Vice-Chair Brock Smith, and Members of the Committee,

The ZERO Coalition, a network of Oregon-based sustainability advocates, building professionals, and housing champions, is proud to express our strong support of SB 88 to make sure that advertising, legal and lobbyist fees come out of company profits, not rate payer pockets.

We support SB 88 because the bill:

1. **Protects Oregonians from Unfair Utility Costs:** SB 88 ensures that customers are not forced to pay for unnecessary corporate expenses—such as lobbyists, advertising, and industry fees—that should be covered by for-profit utility companies, not ratepayers.
2. **Provides Relief from Rising Energy Bills:** With utility costs rising nearly 50% in four years, SB 88 helps prevent excessive rate hikes and keeps energy more affordable for working families and small businesses.
3. **Aligns Oregon with Other States Acting:** Similar legislation has already passed in Colorado, Maine, and Connecticut, proving that cutting “junk costs” from utility bills is a practical and effective way to support consumers.

Thank you in advance for your support of SB 88.

Sincerely,

The ZERO Coalition  
Oregon