



To: Senate Committee On Energy and Environment
900 Court Street NE
Salem, OR

Date: March 3, 2025

Sub: Testimony in support of SB 88.

Chair Sollman and Vice-chair Brock Smith and members of the committee,

For the record, my name is Eliza Walton. I am the Coalition Director of the Oregon Conservation Network. The Oregon Conservation Network (OCN) is coordinated through the Oregon League of Conservation Voters (OLCV). It is a network of 42 not-for-profit organizations throughout Oregon, united to advocate for pro-conservation legislation and to fight policies that threaten our state's natural legacy. Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of SB 88. I am excited to share that SB 88 is one of the important bills in OCN's [Energy Affordability and Utility Accountability Priority package](#) along with HB 3081 and HB 3546.

SB 88 would remove fees from rate payer bills like expensive lawyers and lobbyists, advertising and industry association fees. We think things like this should come out of shareholder profits instead of rate payer pockets. Especially as utility bills are rising rapidly and are unaffordable for many Oregonians.

SB 88 would draw a bright line for what is not allowed in rate payer bills. More than a dozen states are looking at similar legislation this year. Colorado, Maine, and Connecticut have already passed laws to get things like corporate lobbyist fees out of customers' rates and we think SB 88 would be a great step forward for energy affordability in Oregon.

Thank you for your consideration. On behalf of OCN members, I ask you to please vote yes on SB 88.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Eliza Walton".

Sincerely,
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Submitted On behalf of OCN Member Organizations:

1000 Friends of Oregon | Association of Oregon Recyclers | Beyond Toxics | Bird Alliance of Oregon | Cascadia Wildlands | Center for Biological Diversity | Center for Food Safety | Central Oregon Landwatch | Climate Solutions | Defenders of Wildlife | Deschutes River Alliance | Engineers for a Sustainable Future | The Environmental Center | Environment Oregon | Food & Water Watch | Friends of Mt. Hood | Friends of the Columbia Gorge | Friends of Family Farmers | Greater Hells Canyon Council | League of Women Voters of Oregon | Native Fish Society | Neighbors for Clean Air | Oceana | Oregon Coast Alliance | Oregon Environmental Council | Oregon League of Conservation Voters | Oregon Land and Water Alliance | Oregon Natural Desert Association | Oregon Physicians for Social Responsibility | Oregon Shores Conservation Coalition | Oregon Wild | Renewable Northwest | Rogue Riverkeeper | Sierra Club, Oregon Chapter | The Street Trust | Surfrider Foundation | Trout Unlimited, Oregon Council | Tualatin Riverkeepers | WaterWatch of Oregon | Wetlands Conservancy | Wild Salmon Center | Willamette Riverkeeper