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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Energy and Environment

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB88

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

. 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.

I support SB 88 because:

Our Utility company is Not a public good but ought to be and needs regulation in regards to what it gives its customers and that should be power that we can use and not have to sit in the dark or freeze in the Winter months and worry about using even fans in the Summer months. I wear jackets and when its 20 degrees out, I don't use my heat. I have not since 2023. That heat was a space heater and my bill and the bills my friends incur is always going up and is even high when out of town for the entire month. It's endless amounts of higher rates and climate change only getting worse. I fear cooler and hotter months and not being able to use my power at all. That practice can destroy a home either with the pipes or mold. It can kill person during a heat wave such as myself who cannot endure the heat waves at all. Most of us own pets and it's not good for dogs. It cannot be a two tier system of low income and then fleecing of everyone else. We need a public utility option and until that happens we need our public servants to regulate what we do have so that we Oregonians can live comfortably and contribute to the economy in our community and survive climate change surges in the weather. Our basic needs are not wants and I'm glad to see this bill chips away at the cost of power. Thank you for this bill coming to a vote. Thank you for your time.