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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Energy and Environment

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1187

Dear Chair Sollman, Vice-Chair Brock Smith, and members Golden, Pham, and Robinson,

I urge you to support SB 1187, establishing a Climate Superfund Cost Recovery Program. Today and going forward without this program, Oregonians will pay all the costs of climate change, despite having little control over the causes and benefiting from none of the captured profits.

As a scientist, I know that the changing climate will bring severe weather that will directly harm Oregonians and damage infrastructure, imperil food supplies, and overwhelm social and health care systems. It will disproportionately harm frontline communities and those least able to recover from the inevitable crises. While we must do everything in our power to reduce fossil fuel emissions, we must also prepare for the effects that will come regardless of those efforts.

This bill will only affect very large companies directly selling fossil fuel products in Oregon, a subset of those who have been profiting from this. It is based on established and reliable methods of tracking and attributing responsibility. This is a great opportunity for Oregon to show leadership in supporting science and climate justice. Please make this a reality for us!