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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Energy and Environment

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1187

Dear Committee:

I rise in support of SB1187, the Climate Superfund Cost Recovery Program bill. This bill establishes the Climate Superfund Cost Recovery Program as an interagency response to the effects of climate change. It directs the Department of Land Conservation and Development to serve as the lead agency of an interagency team and requires that the department conduct an assessment of the costs of greenhouse gas emissions. The bill directs the Department of Environmental Quality to issue cost-recovery demand notices to entities determined to be responsible for the costs of climate change.

Climate change is human-caused by the addition of greenhouse gases to the atmosphere. Changes in the climate have real negative consequences for the health and well-being of the Earth's population. The adverse effects have an actual cost to them. The polluters need to pay for these negative consequences. As costs increase, the entities polluting will make a cost/benefit analysis and invest more money into mitigation strategies. If it is cheaper to pollute, they will. Make it more expensive to pollute than not to pollute.

Please pass SB1187

Sincerely

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