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On Behalf Of:

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I am writing asking for your support of SB1187.

The current White House administration is actively dismantling climate protections and prioritizing the interests of the fossil fuel industry. This necessitates that states take the lead on climate action.

Fossil fuel companies have knowingly contributed to climate change for decades through pollution and disinformation campaigns to obstruct the transition to renewable energy and to expand their operations. They should be held financially responsible for the damages they've caused.

States like Vermont and New York have pioneered "climate superfund" laws to recover climate-related costs from polluters. These laws aim to fund climate adaptation and resilience projects, reducing the burden on taxpayers. Similar bills are being introduced or considered in other states (California, New Jersey, Massachusetts, Maryland, and Minnesota).

SB 1187 Oregon Climate Superfund (Polluters Pay) aims to shift the escalating costs of extreme heat, droughts, and wildfires from Oregonians to fossil fuel corporations, based on the principle that those responsible for pollution have a duty to pay for the harm they've caused.

Thank you.