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On Behalf Of:

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I am writing to express my opposition to SB 1187, which establishes the Climate Superfund Cost Recovery Program as an interagency response to the effects of climate change. While the intention behind this legislation may be to address the urgent issue of climate change, I believe this approach could lead to significant financial burdens on taxpayers and may not effectively resolve the underlying challenges we face.

First and foremost, creating a new cost recovery program could result in increased taxes or fees for citizens and businesses. This financial strain comes at a time when many households are already grappling with economic uncertainty. Instead of imposing new costs, we should focus on more sustainable and equitable solutions that do not place additional burdens on our communities.

Moreover, the establishment of such a program risks complicating the regulatory landscape. An interagency response may lead to bureaucratic inefficiencies and overlap, potentially slowing down progress in addressing climate-related issues. Instead of creating new layers of governance, we should streamline existing efforts and focus on implementing proven solutions that promote resilience and sustainability.

Additionally, the scope of the Climate Superfund Cost Recovery Program may not adequately address the diverse and complex nature of climate change impacts. A one-size-fits-all approach could overlook the specific needs of different regions and communities, ultimately hindering effective responses tailored to local circumstances.

In conclusion, while I appreciate the urgency of addressing climate change, I urge you to oppose SB 1187. This legislation could lead to unnecessary financial burdens on taxpayers and complicate our response efforts. Let us instead focus on collaborative and efficient strategies that truly address the challenges posed by climate change without imposing additional costs on our communities.