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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Energy and Environment

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1187

To Chair Solan and members of the committee,

I am writing to urge you to support SB1187, the Climate Superfund Cost Recovery Program. This bill is a long overdue and just measure which will require fossil fuel corporations, who continued to operate in full knowledge that their practices would lead to climate change, to pay toward the costs incurred by those practices.

The science is clear that increased carbon in the atmosphere has led to alarming effects on our climate. Meanwhile, these corporations continue to reap massive profits as Oregonians continue to suffer from air pollution, wildfires, loss of environmental habitat, loss of homes and entire communities, heat domes, health effects and even death due to these changes in climate. I know personally someone who lost his life in a wildfire, 2 people whose homes were destroyed, another who has had property insurance cancelled, parents whose lives and work have been disrupted due to smoke-related child care closures, and many more people who have altered work and travel plans due to wildfires.

Currently, the costs of recovery from climate disasters stands entirely on Oregonians. We have already seen that our tax dollars are unable to keep up with the massive and increasing costs of immediate climate recovery demands. Further, we face tremendous secondary costs such as loss of community, personal safety, insurability of property, business and recreational opportunities, biodiversity and overall quality of life in our state.

Oregonians have every right to demand that polluters pay their share! Please support SB 1187.

Thank you.  
Mary Liedel