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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Energy and Environment

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1187

Dear Chair Lively & Esteemed Members of the Senate Committee on Energy & Environment,

We have only a few years to address the accelerating negative effects of our over-heating world.

Where scientists were first to report alarm at the rapid changing energy balance in our atmosphere, now the financial sector is responding, reporting that the economic effects are going to be catastrophic unless governments at every level take action now.

Please pass SB 1187 so communities have funds for "resilience and recovery" programs, including help to prepare homes for wildfire, maintain insurance and support our firefighters before fire comes. Decades of fire safety research and experience tell us what we need to do to prepare our homes and communities to survive fast fires, keep our insurance and give firefighters a better chance of protecting our communities. But we need funds to make necessary community preparations.

This bill would generate billions and provide 100s of millions to help Oregonians, for example, to retrofit and protect your home from fire. Just like Oregon supports energy efficient heat pumps, this bill could support wildfire retrofits on our homes. Please pass SB 1187. Thank you.