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Members of the Committee, I thank you for the opportunity to testify.

We now are fully aware that our changing climate is bringing more extreme weather events. Here in the northwest, that late summer and fall is now called Fire Season.

We must have the financial resources available to protect our communities, particularly our rural neighbors, from losing their homes and worse.

We know what is needed to protect these homes, but rural residents need the financial resources to be able to implement these practices, both for resilience and for recovery programs when necessary. Our more urban areas are also at risk as we have learned in the devastating fire in Talent.

We also must have sufficient funding for our firefighters to support their crucial and dangerous work. They deserve the most generous financial support possible.

SB 1187 would generate billions and provide 100s of millions that can be used to help protect our homes. I ask you to pass SB 1187 to help protect us all.