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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Energy and Environment

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1187

TO: Senate Committee on Energy & Environment

FROM: Ethel Gullette

SUBJECT: Yes on SB 1187

Dear Chair Sollman, Vice Chair Brock Smith, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Ethel Gullette and I am a resident of Beaverton, OR, as well as a congregant member of First Unitarian Church of Portland. I am writing to advocate for the passage of SB 1187: Make Polluters Pay.

I am supporting this bill because Make Polluters Pay will help Oregon be more resilient for wildfires and other climate damage adaptation, including flood protection, upgrades to transportation and electric power grids, water supply and waste-water treatment systems, agriculture and fisheries, building retrofits, health of forests and other ecosystems, and other salient issues.

Oregon's Make Polluters Pay bill would require large fossil fuel firms to pay compensation for past climate change damages. It is based on the principle that those responsible for creating pollution have a moral obligation to make amends. This seems only fair, and really important for the health and well-being of Oregon residents. The approach is analogous to other, well-established federal and state programs that impose strict liability for cleaning up past pollution. Comparable Climate Superfund bills have been enacted in Vermont and New York and are being considered in several other US states.

For these reasons, I urge your support for SB 1187. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
Ethel Gullette