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Esteemed members of the Senate Committee On Energy and Environment,.

I live in the Rogue Valley where we endured the effects of the Almeda Wildfire. I taught young children for 30 years and am a grandmother. I believe that the principles I learned as a teacher and parent and grandmother apply to life in general. Each person must be expected to clean up their own mess. Since corporations are persons in our society I believe things will be much better for all of us now and in generations to come if they are expected to pay for the “mess” and the consequences of their emissions. Then, hopefully they will make far less of a mess in the future and we will be happier to have them as neighbors, and live more peacefully.

I’m hopeful this will make sense to you as well and that you will support SB 1187 We know we are powerless over the mistakes and failures of the past in not regulating fossil energy corporations This .has led to drought, loss of trees and homes and increased frequency and intensity of wildfires., smoke for weeks in our valley, and extreme temperatures for weeks. This destruction has been very costly and emotionally painful for all of us.

You have an opportunity to help us all out by moving this bill forward. Kids don’t deserve the degraded and dangerous world they are getting . They feel terrified and betrayed. As my favorite prayer goes “ We don’t have much time to gladden the hearts of those who travel the way with us, so be swift to love and make haste to be kind” and hopefully be brave and participate in the solution.