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Dear Chair Sollman, Vice-chair Brock Smith, and members of the Senate Committee on Energy and Environment,

For over a decade, [350PDX](https://350pdx.org) has been building a movement for climate justice in the greater Portland metro area. We have hundreds of active volunteers with a base of thousands, all who support our work to fight for just solutions to the climate crisis.

350PDX strongly supports SB 1187, Make Polluters Pay, which requires polluting industries to pay for the impacts of climate change on Oregon's communities and infrastructure, to prevent those costs from falling on Oregonians.

Our state is experiencing worsening climate impacts, such as intensified wildfires, extreme heat, drought, floods, and ice storms, and taxpayers are already paying for these impacts. In 2024, we watched a record-breaking wildfire season burn 1.9 million acres, costing \$350 million. Wildfire smoke does untold damage to the health of Oregonians across the state and is estimated to cost \$1 billion to Oregon's GDP during heavy smoke years.

Polluting industries created these climate impacts by the production and burning of coal, oil, and gas. It is not fair or right that these companies continue to profit while further causing destruction, while everyday people foot the bill. It's long-past time for polluting industries to pay for the mess they've caused.

SB 1187 would let state agencies assess damages and create climate resilience plans funded by polluting industries. The money could go toward much-needed support for firefighters and communities dealing with more frequent and more deadly wildfire seasons. These funds could be provided to Oregonians families who experience damages or losses from wildfires, heat domes, or ice storms, and can be used to build resilience ahead of future disasters.

Similar policies have successfully passed in New York and Vermont, with 4 more states actively considering proposals. Oregon can be among these national leaders by passing SB 1187.

Now is the time to hold polluters accountable and create a system that requires them to pay for their own mess. Don't let these costs fall on Oregon's families. **Make polluters pay by passing SB 1187.**

Thank you,

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Building the climate justice movement.