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I write to the Senate Committee on Energy and Environment support of SB 1187 as a substantive path forward to addressing the impacts of climate change on the short-term and-long-term.

The short-term impacts include managing disasters of environmental burden for all regions of Oregon including but not limited to:

1. Wildfire risks for Southern Oregon, Eastern Oregon, and the Willamette and Rogue Valleys
  - a. Loss of homes and businesses due to increased drought conditions
  - b. Loss of agriculture and timber
  - c. Wildfire smoke
  - d. Evacuation concerns
  - e. Risk of injury, illness, and death to humans and animals
2. Flooding for Oregon's coastal regions
  - a. Loss of homes and businesses
  - b. Required relocation for Oregon communities who work and live in the coastal regions
  - c. Impacts to fishing and seafood harvesting industries
  - d. Evacuation concerns
  - e. Risk of injury and death to humans and animals

The long-term impacts of climate change can result in more locations in Oregon becoming inhabitable and unfit for industries that have traditionally thrived such as timber and fishing. These industries are already hurting, and lack of action may result in these industries being lost to Oregon forever.

I fully support the following agencies taking part in the implementation of SB 1187:

1. Emergency Support: Department of Emergency Management and State Fire Marshal
2. Environmental: Department of Environmental Quality and Department of Agriculture
3. Land Use: Department of Land Conservation and Development
4. Human Health: Oregon Health Authority

These agencies led by the Department of Land Conservation and Development possess the right regulatory authorities to create and implement the Superfund program with support from the Department of Revenue. I encourage consideration of other agencies who could support this work in the future including Oregon OSHA and

Housing and Community Development since worker safety and housing is very directly related to climate change adaptation.

I am eager to learn how the Department of Environmental Quality will determine how to identify responsible parties and urge an inclusive rule-making process that prioritizes communities most impacted by climate change risks. I believe that meaningful involvement as described by HB 4077 (2022) outlines appropriate goals to how to involve impacted communities. I also urge all agencies addressing climate adaptation to consider meaningful involvement in their rule makings.

Federal Superfund programs and made Oregon communities such as the Portland Pearl District livable again. I hope that the state level Superfund programs can not only make communities more livable, but make the benefits felt by all Oregonians regardless of their income level.

Thank you,

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