

Submitter: Sarah Carolus

On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Energy and Environment

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1187

My name is Sarah Carolus and I live in NE Portland. I am writing to urge you to support SB 1187. As the climate changes, Oregonians have seen more wildfires, extreme heat and drought, more flooding and extreme winter storms. Emissions from fossil fuel companies have created this climate change and they should be held accountable for the costly damages the extreme weather has created. Currently Oregon taxpayers are the ones to bear the cost burdens. Our insurance rates have risen and our utility bills are higher. Wildfires in Oregon since 2020 have killed people, destroyed homes and businesses, burned 3.1 million acres of land and created breathing difficulties for those vulnerable because of respiratory conditions. Extreme winter storms in 2024 killed 17 people and left many Oregonians without power for over a week. Right now there is flooding in Southeastern Oregon.

Our State needs more wildfire prevention and mitigation. We need to create a statewide climate resilience plan with better preparedness for future climate disasters. We need flood protection, better electric power grids, more ways to protect Oregonians from extreme heat. Funds for these programs need to come from those responsible for creating the problems, fossil fuel companies.

Please support SB1187. Thank you.