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On Behalf Of:

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Joint Committee on Energy and Environment

Dear Senators Pham, Golden, Campos, Frederick, Meek, Taylor, and Representatives Anderson, Gamba, Fragala, Hudson and Nelson:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on SB 1187. This letter is in support of SB 1187 establish the Climate Superfund Cost Recovery Program as an interagency response to the effects of climate change.

As a retired juvenile justice worker, I am aware how people in marginalized and less wealthy communities pay a disproportionate price for climate change, because of the areas in which they can live. I am also a great-grandmother and concerned about the environment in which my grandchildren will live.

Cleaning up pollution generated by a business needs to be a cost of that business. It is a moral obligation of whomever makes a mess, to clean it up. Oregonians are paying the price of climate pollution through our compromised health, rising insurance rates, homes lost to fires, crops lost to drought, and wages and school days lost to extreme heat and storms. The entity that makes the profit needs to pay for clean up.

The biggest oil, coal, and gas companies have been profiting off this pollution for decades. As science can determine how much carbon these companies have emitted, they need to pay their fair share of the clean-up, rather than only tax-payers who are impacted by climate damages.

Thank you,
Judy Wilder