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RE: Please support SB 1187 and establish a Climate Superfund to help Oregonians struggling with the costs of the climate crisis

Dear Chair Sollman, Vice-Chair Smith, and Members of the Senate Committee on Energy and the Environment, Senators Golden, Pham, and Robinson,

I urge you to vote to pass SB 1187 and establish a Climate Superfund. This is a common sense way to shift some of the costs of dealing with the effects of the climate crisis to the largest companies that have profited over the past 30 years from using and polluting our air, water, and land without paying any of the cost. Oregon families have been paying those costs as we deal with wildfires, extreme weather, drought and drying conditions, and polluted air and water. We have been paying the costs of the impact of the climate crisis on our health, our homes and infrastructure, our natural resources, and our economies. We cannot continue to bear these costs alone; we alone cannot adequately prepare for or prevent the effects of the climate crisis still to come. With a climate superfund we can work to increase our resiliency and help our communities adapt to and even prevent some of these effects of the climate crisis that are upending our way of life, our health, and our jobs.

The proposed climate superfund is analogous to well-established superfunds that impose the costs of cleaning up pollution on the companies responsible. Other states following this model, including New York and Vermont, have enacted or are considering proposals to establish climate clean up superfunds. We are only asking for what is fair from the largest of companies that have profited so much without paying any of the climate costs of doing business. Please support SB 1187.

Thank you,
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