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On Behalf Of: Storydwelling
Committee: Senate Committee On Energy and Environment
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1187

Dear Chair Sollman, Vice Chair Brock Smith, and Members of the Committee,
I am writing to ask for your support on SB 1187: Make Polluters Pay. This bill has a public hearing in the Senate Energy and Environment Committee on Monday, April 7th with a possible work session scheduled for Wednesday, April 9.

This bill is important to me because spending time in nature is a core family value for generations and I care about protection of resources for my children and theirs. destruction of our natural environment and contamination of water and soil must not go unfettered. Incentives to prevent pollution must be in place now or it will be too late to make a meaningful difference.

Intensifying heat waves and wildfires prevent me from safely enjoying the national forests, state and county parks that our tax dollars have built and protected. I am resentful of needing to be trapped in my home without liberty to enjoy outdoor amenities.

Oregon's Polluter Pays bill would require large fossil fuel firms to pay compensation for past climate change damages. It is based on the principle that those responsible for creating pollution have a moral obligation to make amends. The approach is analogous to other, well-established federal and state programs that impose strict liability for cleaning up past pollution. Comparable Climate Superfund bills have been enacted in Vermont and New York and are being considered in several other US states.

For these reasons, I urge your support for SB 1187. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Darci Palmer