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It's Only Fair

As a member of Third Act Oregon, consisting of Oregonians over 60 working to preserve the Climate and Democracy, I urge you to support SB 1187. Third Act members realize that Oregon taxpayers have up until now borne the enormously costly damage to Oregon's natural disasters resulting from climate change.

These impacts as well as increased heat and drought were foreseen by the fossil fuel industry but hidden from public view for decades. Under SB 1187, state agencies will assess damages and create a climate resilience plan addressing specific impacts to the state's environment and infrastructure. Monies collected from polluters will be used for programs that help agencies and Oregonians mitigate and adapt to climate change impacts.

As elders, we understand that it is only fair that the fossil fuel industry compensates Oregonians for its role in these damages. It's a basic rule in our families, classrooms, workplaces or neighborhood: if you make a mess, clean it up. On behalf of basic fairness, I'm asking that you support SB 1187.