

April 7, 2025

To: Senate Committee on Energy and Environment

From: Miranda Herreid

Re: Support for SB 1187- Relating to greenhouse gas emissions; prescribing an effective date

Dear Members of the Senate Committee on Energy and Environment,

My name is Miranda Herreid, and I live in Portland. Thank you for the opportunity to voice my support for SB 1187. This bill is an admirable step towards achieving Oregon's ambitious climate goals and commitment to environmental justice. For far too long, coal and fossil fuel companies have gotten away with externalizing their costly environmental harms onto the backs of communities and taxpayers.

Not only have fossil fuel companies profited from climate change, but they also did so knowing full well the disastrous consequences that their actions would have. They knew that their commitment to fossil fuel was contributing to climate change, and they knew that would lead to deadly wildfires and fatal heat waves. Fossil fuel companies need to internalize the costs for these harms and finally take responsibility for their actions. Until these polluters can no longer write off climate damage as the cost of doing business, they will continue to destroy community wellbeing and environmental health, jeopardizing our collective future. As the impacts of climate change intensify, fossil fuel companies must change their ways. The industry opposition to this bill will be strong, but I believe that the people of Oregon are stronger. We can set a strong example for other states, inspiring them to pass similar measures, a trajectory that is all the more essential given the inattention to climate change at the federal level.

Thank you for your attention to this matter, and I implore you to vote in favor of SB 1187 to protect our communities, environment, and future!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Miranda Herreid". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "M".

Miranda Herreid