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I support SB1187. Climate change is a threat to our future and currently, the contributing polluters are not being adequately deterred from causing irreversible harm. Extreme weather caused by pollution creates more dangerous living conditions and anxiety for the citizens of Oregon, that can outweigh any local benefits from these industries. This tax can help balance these factors.

Additionally, there are real costs to climate change including (but certainly not limited to):

- the resources lost in fires,
- the cost of rebuilding after fires,
- the disposal of non-salvageable trash after fires,
- smoke, excessive heat, and more-frequent winter storm's impact on local business operations,
- heat, drought and increased winter storm's impacts on local agriculture,
- increased and unpredictable energy use during extreme weather
- resources to operate cooling or warming centers during extreme weather
- the costs associated with health impacts of excessive heat, air pollution, and the mental and physical impacts of surviving a fire,
- damages to cars and human health from unsafe driving conditions during increased number of winter storms,
- costs of maintaining safe roads and warming shelters during increased number of winter storms,
- extreme weather's disruption on schools impacting the education of Oregon's future working people.

These are tangible and measurable costs that are directly a result of the polluting industries. These industries should be paying the true cost of their operations, and this tax is one way to get closer to this. These industries, regardless of their important outputs, can not be subsidizing their current operations with a lower quality of life for all future Oregonians. It is the job of the state of Oregon to protect the current and future people and land of the state.