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**Representative Khanh Pham**

Oregon House District 46  
Oregon State Legislature  
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**Subject: Support for SB 1187 – A Strategic Step for Resilience**

Dear Representative Pham,

As the founder and CEO of HazAdapt—an Oregon-based disaster resilience technology company—and a public health and emergency management professional, I'm writing to express **strong support for SB 1187** and to offer my expertise in its implementation and beyond.

This bill takes bold and necessary action to address climate-related harm and direct funding where it's most urgently needed. I especially support the prioritization of environmental justice communities and the investment in wildfire resilience.

In operationalizing this effort, I urge you to ensure sustained support for **those closest to the ground**: our emergency managers, wildland firefighters, and community-facing preparedness teams. These professionals form the front lines of resilience, and their capacity to engage communities before disaster strikes directly reduces recovery costs and saves lives.

Additionally, as private insurers withdraw from high-risk regions and federal programs face instability, many Oregonians are being left without meaningful coverage. While SB 1187 doesn't focus on insurance, it does create an opportunity to help bridge the growing coverage gap by **investing in bottom-up resilience**, especially household-level preparedness and public engagement in under-resourced areas. These efforts are essential resilience infrastructure in a changing climate and the reality of cascading, proxy disasters

Please consider me a standing resource for this bill and future resilience-focused legislation. I'm ready to lend support wherever it's most needed to help protect Oregon communities now and in the years ahead.

With appreciation,

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