

Submitter: Suzannah Smith
On Behalf Of:
Committee: Senate Committee On Energy and Environment
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1187
To: Senate Committee on Energy and Environment
From: Suzannah Smith
Re: In Support of SB 1187 – Addressing Greenhouse Gas Emissions

Dear Members of the Senate Committee on Energy and Environment,

My name is Suzannah Smith, and I'm a resident of Portland. I appreciate the chance to share my support for SB 1187—a meaningful step toward meeting Oregon's climate goals and advancing environmental justice.

For too long, fossil fuel companies have been allowed to shift the burden of their pollution onto everyday people and communities. They've reaped enormous profits while leaving the rest of us to deal with the consequences—rising temperatures, devastating wildfires, and deadly heat waves. What's worse, these companies knew the damage they were causing and chose to keep going.

It's time they are held accountable. The cost of climate damage should no longer be treated as just another line item in their budgets. SB 1187 would ensure that those responsible for contributing to climate change start paying their fair share for the harm they've caused.

The fossil fuel industry will no doubt push back hard against this legislation—but I believe Oregonians are ready to lead. By passing this bill, we can show the rest of the country what climate leadership looks like, especially when action at the federal level has been lacking.

Thank you for considering this important legislation. I urge you to support SB 1187—for the health of our communities, our environment, and future generations.

Sincerely,
Suzannah Smith