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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Energy and Environment

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1187

Dear Chair Sollman, Vice Chair Brock Smith and Members of the Committee,

I am submitting testimony urging you to support SB 1187 Make Polluters Pay. As a life-long resident of the Pacific Northwest, I have watched in horror as the impacts of climate change have begun to decimate the ecosystems that I love. It is clear that the fossil fuel industry has been one of the main contributors to this decimation. Their own studies more than 30 years ago showed that the use of fossil fuels is hazardous to all life on this planet. Study results that those within that industry lied about in order to avoid liability while continuing to make record profits for their shareholders. It is an injustice to all life to continue to allow them to wreak havoc on our climate; watching sea-levels rising, wildfires burning, ice packs melting while humans perish in rising heat and devastating natural disasters. All while the fossil fuel industry continues to deny that they have any accountability. Oregonians deserve not to carry the brunt of the cost of these climate disasters. Borrowing from the testimony presented by Kathaleen Parker of the Sierra Club of Oregon "Oregonians are paying for polluters' damage. SB1187 is an interagency response to the effects of climate change. The bill establishes a Climate Superfund Cost Recovery Program Account, separate from the Treasury's General Fund. Within the funds dispersed, 30% must be allocated to wildfire prevention and 40% to environmental justice communities."

This is a well thought out bill and I urge you to support it.

Thank you,  
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