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Hello,

I write in support of SB 1187, which is critically needed to support "FIREWISE COMMUNITIES". These kinds of actions by all homeowners in ALL areas of Oregon are critically needed to minimize fire related losses. This is essential to reduce losses from wildfire events in urbanized areas that will make properties in this state uninsurable.

Having read the legislation, I am deeply concerned that the Oregon Department of Forestry and the logging industry are not identified to be involved in assigning responsibility for greenhouse warming gas emissions in this state, as the timber industry activities related to logging are a major source of greenhouse gas emissions in this state. Given their emissions involvement, they need to be involved in paying for their part in their causing this category of problem.

Thank you for supporting this essential legislative solution to an important category of problem and for providing appropriate responsibility for covering the related costs.

Thanks for your efforts on this important issue,
Trygve Steen