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Chair Sollman and members of the Committee.

I am Brian Ettling. I live in Portland. Growing up in the 1980s in my home state of Missouri, I was a conservative Republican. In fact, I was the President of my campus College Republicans while attending my alma mater William Jewell College in Kansas City in 1989.

The conservative Republican values that stuck with me were accountability and personal responsibility. Basically, if you make a mess or pollute environment, YOU clean it up, NOT the government or taxpayers. Internal memos from big oil companies, such as ExxonMobil, knew since the early 1980s that extracting and selling huge quantities of oil to burn for energy would lead to climate change in the 21st Century.

Now here we are in 2025 with wildfire seasons becoming more costly to the state budget to fight the fires and more extreme weather becoming more expensive, dangerous, and deadly to Oregonians.

This is why I urge you to support SB 1187. We need funds to develop and put in place climate resilience, adaptation, and mitigation across Oregon.

As I still believe in the conservative values of accountability and personal responsibility, these big energy polluters should pay their fair share of the damage they did in Oregon.

NOT Oregon taxpayers or state budget funds.

They knew, and we have known for decades that their product is polluting the environment, damaging our health, and causing extreme weather.

Thank you for considering my testimony.