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On Behalf Of:

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Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1187

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

My name is Henry Martinez, I am pastor of a Lutheran congregation in Beaverton and reside in Hillsboro. I stand in support of SB1187 because this bill reflects a principle of accountability that we desperately need today. As both a faith leader in my community and father of two children, I try to model that having an awareness of our actions helps us to recognize how others are affected.

We are currently on track for future generations to inherit a climate that produces more intense storms, heat waves, fires and dramatic weather than we've known. I serve in a congregation of people who have varying levels of support to cope with potential climate disasters— and with an aging population, many rely more and more on one another. While I'm thankful that our youth are learning that caring for others is a gift and opportunity, they are also seeing the limitations of what we have.

We are already paying for the costs of these disasters and while our communities of faith will continue to be devoted to caring for the poor and vulnerable among us, we cannot bear the impact of this cost alone.

By making these large fossil fuel producers pay we are recognizing the need for public accountability because what is at stake is a future we all share.

I urge your support for SB 1187. Thank you for your time and consideration.