



## Testimony in Support of Oregon SB1187

Submitted to the Oregon State Legislature

As a legal scholar with a focus on corporate governance, environmental accountability, and the ethical treatment of sentient beings, I submit this statement in strong support of SB1187.

For far too long, corporations—particularly those that have amassed profits from fossil fuel exploitation—have operated under the guise of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), promoting polished narratives of environmental stewardship while simultaneously externalizing ecological and human costs to marginalized communities. This pattern of greenwashing has allowed entities to evade meaningful accountability, undermining the integrity of both climate justice frameworks and corporate social responsibility charters.

SB1187 represents a necessary corrective. By establishing a climate fund that compels fossil fuel corporations to internalize the environmental and social harm they have historically externalized, the bill aligns legal responsibility with moral obligation. More importantly, its commitment to environmental justice and community resiliency affirms that those most impacted—often Indigenous, low-income, and frontline communities—must be prioritized in climate reparations.

As Oregon considers this legislation, it sends a clear message: that regulatory mechanisms will no longer tolerate performative compliance with SDGs or voluntary pledges unbacked by enforceable legal obligations. This bill not only foregrounds the need for reparative justice but also upholds the principle that economic power cannot override ecological truth or ethical accountability.

I urge the Legislature to pass SB1187 and to continue championing structural reform that places the health of ecosystems, sentient life, and impacted communities at the center of environmental governance.

Respectfully submitted,

Mthabisi George Sibanda  
LL.M. Candidate, Lewis & Clark Law School  
Animal Law