

April 8, 2025

Dear Chair, Co-Chair and Members of the Senate Committee on Energy and Environment

The Douglas County Global Warming Coalition, an all-volunteer grassroots organization representing 450 residents in rural Douglas County, strongly supports the passage of Senate Bill 1187.

This legislation which holds polluters accountable for the damage they have done to our State is especially critical for our rural community. Douglas County has borne the brunt of climate enhanced destructive wildfires which has decimated the property and lives of so many of our citizens. It is not only a matter of justice that those responsible for the pain inflicted be held responsible but the bill also provides funding for the climate resilience plans needed to address future impacts of climate change.

Passage of Senate Bill 1187 is long overdue and can make a difference in the lives of people in our community. We strongly support this bill as a way of restoring the balance of the scales of justice and building resilience for the future through wildfire prevention and other means of addressing climate disasters.

Sincerely,

Stuart Liebowitz on behalf of the Board of the Douglas County Global Warming Coalition

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