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Chair Sollman, Vice Chair Brock Smith, Senators Golden, Pham and Robinson,

My name is Lauren Isaac and I live in Portland. I urge you to pass SB1187 out of committee.

I used to live across from Rose City Park. On the edge of the baseball diamond there were several large cedar trees. Around 2014, one died. It was removed, and Portland Parks replanted with another cedar. The next year that cedar died, and another established cedar tree died. Portland Parks replanted, this time with deciduous trees more suited to the drier, warmer environment we increasingly have. Anyone planting trees knows we have a different climate now, one more likely to kill our native trees and bring on natural catastrophes that threaten our homes and livelihoods.

The causes of climate change are well known, and in fact have been long known by fossil fuel companies. These companies have downplayed climate change for years to protect their large profits from keeping our economy dependent on fossil fuels. They made this problem, they need to help clean it up.

I commend the thoughtful work many people, led by Senators Golden and Pham, have done to come up with a plan that works to make these polluters pay for the damages their product is causing and will cause Oregonians. SB 1187 builds on the experiences in New York and Vermont after passing similar legislation. The Oregon plan is workable and sensible.

Let's make polluters pay! Thank you.
Lauren Isaac