

I am LuAnn Staul, I am testifying today as a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church's Sacred Organizing Coalition. I have lived in Oregon for 55 years, and am a retired advance practice nurse, mother and grandmother.

I have always been taught if you make a mess, you clean it up. This should also be true for corporations and fossil fuel companies which cause damage to our environment as part of doing business. I want my grandchildren, all Oregonians, and creatures to have safe drinking water, clean rivers, lakes, oceans, and clean air to breathe.

The Trump administration's actions have decimated Environmental Protection Agency to such extent that rules protecting our natural resources either not no longer exist or will no longer be enforced. This means that we can expect a future with more climate related disasters.

This makes it even more urgent that Oregonians hold big business accountable for the damage they incur to the environment. Yes, these businesses have shareholders that is why they will tell you that they shouldn't be obligated to carry the cost of the damage they cause. These shareholders, however, take on risk when investing in a corporation this is a risk they take on. In the long run I think that this bill will incentivize polluting corporations to find ways to do business while preserving and protecting our environment.

I implore you to support SB1187 for all Oregonians and bring this measure forward for a vote today.

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