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On Behalf Of:
Committee: Senate Committee On Energy and Environment
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1187
Subject: Opposition to SB1187 – Climate Tax Bill

Dear Members of the Committee,

I am writing today to express my deep concern and frustration with SB1187, also known as the Climate Tax bill. Oregon is becoming increasingly expensive and difficult to live in, and this proposed legislation only adds to the burden faced by everyday Oregonians.

During this session, we've seen proposals of taxes on tires, alcohol, private wells, and further increases to fuel taxes. These come on top of already skyrocketing costs for rent, groceries, and utilities—especially PGE rates, which have seen dramatic hikes. For many families, the cost of living is outpacing their income, creating real hardship.

You ask why so many people are choosing to leave Oregon. It's not a mystery—it's the result of policies like this. While the intent may be to address climate concerns, the effect is making Oregon less affordable and driving residents to seek a better quality of life in more economically reasonable states.