

**Date:** April 9, 2025  
**To:** Senate Committee on Energy and Environment  
**From:** Katie Thompson  
**Re:** Support for SB 1187

Dear Members of the Senate Committee on Energy and Environment,

My name is Katie Thompson, and I live in Portland. As an advocate for a clean environment, I am grateful to even be able to express my support for SB 1187, a bill that proposes to do make major GHG emitters do what they should have done all along: pay for their wrongdoing.

This bill is an admirable step toward achieving Oregon's ambitious climate goals and commitment to environmental justice, and I am very proud to live in a state with such lofty ambitions. However, it is incredibly difficult to realize these ambitions by relying on the good faith of polluters, who have proven time and time again not to have any. Thus, this bill is ideal, and with any hope, will alter the habits of emitters. At the very least, it will generate money to remediate the crimes already having been committed, money that can go to environmental justice communities most affected, to renewable energy infrastructure and projects, and to maintaining our beautiful land.

Fossil fuel companies profit off of their pollution, and who pays? Us. We can change this.

I am heartened to see such overwhelming support for this bill, and I hope you recognize this as well. Notably, a vast majority of opposition fundamentally misunderstands this bill—they believe it is a tax that they will have to pay (not polluters). Accordingly, there is very little *real* opposition, and with any luck, better communication about this bill will lead those opponents to support the bill as well.

We are a government of the people, and here, the people are speaking. More than that, they are *urging* the passage of this bill: our lives depend on this. Our government should not built upon the voices of big business, and we should not let those voices win today.

Support for SB 1187 is support for life as we know, and life as it can be.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



Katie Thompson