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I urge you to vote DO PASS on SB 1187, Make Polluters Pay. As others have said and Mr. Rogers and Barney taught my kids twenty years ago, if you make a mess, clean it up. It's time for fossil fuel companies doing business in Oregon to take care of their messes.

Last year, the five largest companies in the industry earned a combined profit of over \$100 billion. Those fossil fuel companies have known for decades that their industry is fueling climate change in all its forms. SB 1187 puts the cost of climate adaptation where it belongs, providing monies to help Oregon communities that are already experiencing the physical cost of climate change.

I am a member of the Cully Neighborhood Emergency Team (NET), a trained volunteer group supported by the City of Portland's Bureau of Emergency Management. During extreme weather, we are often called on to help. During the heat dome of 2021, I volunteered at a community center where we provided shelter to those living without air conditioning and those who were unhoused. As you may recall, not everyone was so fortunate; some Oregonians died from heat stroke during that protracted extreme heat. I have also helped in dispatch and in navigating for drivers of vans that Multnomah County has dispatched during these events, transporting people to shelters where there is air conditioning and in extreme winter storms, heat.

Those living in vulnerable Oregon communities should not be expected to shoulder the costs of climate resilience alone. Make the fossil fuel Polluters Pay a portion of their astronomical profits towards remediating the effects of the changing climate, messes they are in large part responsible for. Support SB1187. Thank you.