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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Energy and Environment

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1187

Dear Senate Committee on Energy and Environment,

I worked for 7 years in the environmental and energy field in Washington DC -- including working in energy consulting, and for an environmental non profit agency.

I strongly oppose this bill.

This bill is highly unethical and unconstitutional -- as it creates a retaliation tax in arrears from January 1, 1995 to Dec. 31, 2024. ORS 250.105, and the Oregon Constitution, Article IV, Section 1 do not allow laws to be retroactive.

There is also not enough proven scientific evidence that climate change is a result of human carbon emissions... In the scientific perspective of renowned geologists in my circle - what we are seeing is the longer trend of warming/cooling trends on our planet - which contributed to ice ages, and warmer periods throughout geologic history - prior to the existence of humans on this planet.

The lack of clear evidence and retroactive nature of this bill opens it up to numerous costly lawsuits, and has no benefit to Oregonians.

Vote no.

Thank you!