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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Energy and Environment

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1187

Members of the panel, I urge you to vote NO on SB1187 -- Climate Super Fund Recovery Cost Bill

My name is Jeff Peery, I'm a native Oregonian, and have lived here for 57 years.

Oregonians are struggling.

Homelessness is rampant.

Oregon ranked 9 for crime in 2024.

20 in terms of crime per 100K.

Affordable housing is non-existent, mainly due to policies enacted by this state.

Education is in the bottom 5 in the nation.

The cost of SB1187 will most certainly be paid by the consumer.

To the consumer it is no different than a tariff.

Oregonians are not getting good value for our tax dollars.

Now we are asked to pay an energy tax to fund a climate fund (whatever that means.)

Let's face it. We don't trust the Oregon Legislature to use our money effectively.

And there are a lot more pressing problems in Oregon that setting up a Climate Fund.

I urge you to vote no on this and focus on real results that will benefit Oregonians.

Once you have proved that Oregon can be a leader in education for a reasonable price,

once affordable homes are available,

once we don't need to step over homeless people when we go downtown,

we can discuss these other projects.

People have to live on a budget, which means prioritizing where our dollars are going.

If something new comes along and we can't afford it, we don't get it.

SB1187 falls into this category.

There are more important things to focus on, and Oregon can't afford it.

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