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Testimony for bill 926

Thank for allowing me the opportunity to testify in support of Bill926.

MY name is Jane Drevo andI am here to testify on behalf of wildfire survivors.

My home in Gates , Oregon was burned to the ground in the labor day Santiam fires of 2020.

It has not been rebuilt. It is too expensive.

In the James trial, Pacific Corps was found to be at fault for the fires in my community. And not just at fault but also grossly negligent! The trial displayed the mismanagement at the very top of the company. There was a lack of good procedures and an inability for leadership in the company to step in and do the right thing. The disorganization leading to bad decisions was clear. Also the destruction of evidence immediately after fire was clearly presented. During the trial it was evident that PACIFIC CORPS THOUGHT KEEPING THE POWER ON WAS MORE IMPORTANT THAN BURNING DOWN OREGON COMMUNITIES. The bullying of survivors giving testimony was deplorable.

Since 2020, Pacific Corp has shown no interest in paying damages to wildfire survivors stipulated by the court. No one seems to be able to hold them accountable for their mistakes and actions. It is a very big company with many dollars to spare for lobbying in and paying lawyers in their defense.

It is evident from all the posturing that Pacific Corps continues to only be interested in raising rates and paying stockholders. Who is going to hold this multi billion corp responsible? The Oregon legislature can help Oregoninians by passing this bill.

There will be more fires in Oregon's future. will power companies be allowed to continue to not be accountable for their actions? More homes and lives lost.

Please hold Pacific Corp and any other power companies responsible for their actions. I urge you to pass bill926

Thank you