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My name is Jeff Weitzel and I am a resident of Oregon who cares deeply about health, environmental justice, and a livable future. I strongly support SB 1187. We need a climate superfund to deal with the multiple climate-change-driven issues we're facing.

If I unintentionally caused a car accident it's undoubted that I would be liable for the other person's medical bills and vehicle repair. If someone causes damage intentionally it is common for the perpetrator to be required to pay multiple times the amount of the damage and/or to serve prison time.

The fossil fuel companies have known for over 50 years that burning their products causes climate change\* and they have been using that knowledge to safeguard their own assets while misleading the public. They should pay to repair the damage they have knowingly caused. And the damage they are continuing to cause.

This bill is actually very cautious and moderate, assessing damages known from 1995 to 2024 to fossil fuel corporations in proportion to their documented negative impact in Oregon. This carefully crafted bill is far less harsh than what any normal person would face for causing damage. It's the least that can be expected of these companies.

Let's have some corporate responsibility.

Pass SB 1187.

Thank you,

Jeffrey Weitzel

\* [https://www.budget.senate.gov/imo/media/doc/fossil\\_fuel\\_report1.pdf](https://www.budget.senate.gov/imo/media/doc/fossil_fuel_report1.pdf)