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On Behalf Of:

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I am a current law student at Lewis & Clark Law School, interested in pursuing a career in environmental law, specifically in clean energy and climate solutions. I was actually one of the students who helped do some of the research on the Vermont and New York laws similar to this proposal, and the legal challenges they are facing. I think it would be incredibly powerful for Oregon to follow suit, and take the ambitious step to hold polluters accountable for the incredible damage they have done not only to our state, but to our world at large. The method of climate policy implementation proposed in this bill is awesome. If Oregon can pass this bill, the state would be able to use strict liability to hold polluters accountable, and then use cost recovery measures to actually force those polluters to pay for the solutions to their own harms. As legislators I'm sure you're aware of all this, but as a law student, and young person who will be affected by the detrimental impacts of climate change for the rest of my life, I would implore you to support this bill.