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My name is Aubrey Raney-Avers and I am a resident of Eugene. I support SB 1541 (Make Polluters Pay) because it serves the residents of Oregon while also putting responsibility where it rightfully belongs. Severe weather endangers, and sometimes takes, lives, and the cost for clean-up and relief falls on our municipalities and residents. I am constantly seeing necessary services being cut in my community because of budget shortfalls; Eugene and the rest of Oregon cannot afford to take on the financial burden of wildfires, flooding, and heat domes that are caused by greenhouse gasses. This bill targets those companies that have contributed more than one *billion* tons of greenhouse gasses to the atmosphere and does not impact state energy businesses. Similar legislation has passed in New York and Vermont, and I hope to see Oregon continue the charge requiring those that made the mess clean it up.