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On Behalf Of:
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Wildfire
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1541

Dear Chair Golden, Vice-chair Nash, and Members of the Committee,
My name is Jenny Pompilio and I am a doctor, public health advocate, mother and outdoor enthusiast. As the climate crisis intensifies, the health of Oregonians worsens, and the price we pay will be high. Already, the toll is mounting: smoke-induced asthma ER visits alone are projected to add an astonishing \$99.7 million to Oregon's healthcare costs in the 2050s. That is why I support the creation of the Climate Resilience Superfund. Almost every day I spend caring for patients I see someone who has been impacted by pollution, most notably with respiratory problems, including worsening allergies and asthma. I have trouble sleeping at night worrying about the changing climate, including increasing heat waves, wildfires, reduced snowpack, pollution and it's impact on a healthy life for my 19yo son, all children, and future generations. Memories of the heat dome and wildfires we experienced during the pandemic still haunt me. By holding polluters accountable for unconscionable polluting and their in/direct contributions to climate change, this fund will help build a healthier and more resilient Oregon.
I strongly urge you to pass SB 1541 for the health of our communities and future generations.
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