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On Behalf Of:
Committee: Senate Committee On Natural Resources and
Wildfire
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1541

Dear Committee Members:

I strongly support SB 1541 to establish a state policy to Make Polluters Pay / Climate Superfund Cost Recovery Program.

SB 1541 would create a Climate Resilience Superfund to ensure the largest out-of-state fossil fuel polluters pay their share for our safety and recovery from climate disasters. For too long, taxpayers and our local governments have footed the bill for the cost of wildfires and floods.

We are seeing a marked increase in climate disasters. KOIN news has reported that, by September 2025, the cost for the first half of Oregon's wildfire season had reached 97 million dollars.

At a time when federal protections and funding are being reduced, SB 1541 gives Oregon the opportunity to create its own fund for responding to damage caused by climate disasters. It is appropriate (and high time) that the largest out-of-state fossil fuel polluters pay their share.

Respectfully,

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