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I support the creation of the Climate Resilience Superfund so the large, out-of-state fossil fuel companies who have created climate change will be held accountable for the wildfires, smoke, drought, destructive heat domes and other damage they have caused. They have colluded to give consumers no alternatives to their fossil fuel products. We, the families and taxpayers have been left to pay the price, literally.

I have lived in Oregon for 46 years and have watched this beautiful state dry up and burn. The weather has completely changed. In 2021, my father died and we couldn't bury him because it was too hot for workers to be outside (114 degrees). This is not the Oregon of old. We have put up solar panels, installed a heat pump with cooling, and tried to electrify our home at great personal expense while fossil fuel companies resist these logical changes for those who cannot afford them.

Communities most affected by the fallout of climate change need relief, e.g. home energy-efficiency upgrades, reliable and sustainable electrical power grid, investment in agriculture and fisheries. Our state and local governments (and therefore, the people) need help paying for smoke and wildfire damage, polluted water remediation, and all the above.

As legislators, you have the power to shift the costs from your constituents to these mega corporations. I urge you to pass SB 1541 and finally make these polluters pay for the damage they've done to communities across our state.