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Greetings,

This bill SB1541 to establish a Climate Superfund Cost Recovery Program is important to me because I believe the cost of the climate crisis should not fall on the backs of Oregonians. The climate crisis is significantly impacting Oregon's economy, with costs including up to \$3,900 per household annually for wildfire response and an estimated loss of \$12,000 in personal income per year due to climate change effects. These costs are expected to rise if no action is taken to mitigate climate change.

8/10 people globally (according to a global survey across 13 countries) and most Oregonians support taxing oil and gas corporations to pay for climate damages.

I've lived in southern Oregon for 15 years and have seen the impacts of the climate crisis firsthand as temperatures increase and heat domes harm and kill my neighbors, the ski resorts remain closed due to lack of snow, the lakes dry before summer begins, and the smoke and wildfires threats increase exponentially. I don't want to fear losing my home to wildfire or not being able to play with my son outside in the summer due to toxic air quality from wildfire smoke.

When we Make Polluters Pay, we can help our communities with a tiny portion of the obscene profits of dirty energy companies—those profits amounted to almost US\$ 800 billion over the last 10 years! (reported profits from 5 Big Oil and gas companies: ExxonMobil, Chevron, Shell, BP and TotalEnergies alone).

The Climate Superfund Bill can unlock billions to protect our communities and invest in real climate solutions. It's only fair that those who caused the crisis should pay for the damage, not those suffering from it.

When our communities face extreme weather and climate impacts, a tiny portion of the obscene profits from the largest polluting oil and gas companies pays for those damages, not Oregonians.

From wildfires to polluted water, we've seen communities across the state bear the brunt of our climate crisis. For too long, the cost of cleaning up the impacts of climate change has been the responsibility of us Oregonians and our local governments. We've been footing the bill while fossil fuel companies rake in the profits. The funds generated by the Climate Resilience Superfund will be used to make Oregon more resilient to wildfires, upgrade homes with energy efficient cooling and protection from

the elements, strengthen transportation and the electrical power grid, invest in agriculture and fisheries, and more, to ensure the communities most impacted by the climate crisis benefit the most.

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.

Taxpayers and local governments are already paying for the climate crisis, even though they're not the ones causing it. The costs of responding to climate-related disasters and of making our communities more resilient will have to be paid one way or another, but Oregon legislators have the power to decide who foots the bill. It's time fossil fuel companies that rake in record profits while polluting our communities pay their fair share.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

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