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To: Senator Golden and members of the Natural Resources and Wildfire Committee:

The Douglas County Global Warming Coalition, an all-volunteer grassroots organization representing 450 residents in our rural community, strongly supports the passage of SB1541, the Climate Resilience Superfund Bill.

For too long Oregonians have suffered the consequences of the climate pollution caused by the dirty fossil fuel industry. Unprecedented heat waves have resulted in deaths and health problems. Rural communities such as ours have experienced wildfires that decimated properties and destroyed lives. Compounding the injustice is the fact that Oregon taxpayers have borne the brunt of the costs of their actions. This bill holds these polluters to account and ensures our State will be able to take steps to mitigate the impacts of climate change. It is a just solution to an unjust situation.

The climate crisis is already upon us. Within the next decade, global temperature increase will exceed the target of 1.5 degrees celsius that scientists tell us will severely compromise the livability of the planet. With the Federal government embracing dirty fossil fuels and attacking clean energy, it is imperative our State show the leadership needed to address the consequences of global warming. It is only fair and just that those who have caused the problem pay for their actions.

We strongly urge the Committee to pass Senate Bill 1541 to protect Oregonians and set an example for the nation.

Sincerely,

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