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I am an Environmental Science student studying at Willamette University. I believe that this bill is an extremely smart measure to prepare for the effects of climate change in Oregon. In my time at Willamette, I've done many projects on climate impacts in Oregon; the two that concern me the most are sea level rise and wildfire severity. Many of the Oregon coastal communities are within the tsunami risk zones, and this is only expected to get more severe as the sea level rises. This money will help to address disasters and try to prevent them. Wildfires in Oregon are growing as summers are hotter and drier. This bill will help to prevent and respond to future fire crises, which is essential in the aftermath of the 2020 fire season. I support this bill.