

To: Oregon Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Wildfire

Re: Climate Resilience Superfund bill (Senate Bill 1541)

Chair Golden, Vice Chair Nash and Committee Members. My name is Twila Jacobsen and I live in Eugene. I support this bill that requires major, out-of-state fossil fuel companies to pay their fair share for climate-related disasters in Oregon, and to fund solutions that prepare our communities for future impacts. This will bring to the marketplace an honest cost of the continued expansion and use of fossil fuels. No longer an “externality” that is left the public to cover the costs through what is basically socialism for corporations.

For decades, large polluters have dumped climate pollution into our air and water while we, the public, bear the cost of heart and lung diseases, lost homes to wildfires, and higher food prices due to water shortages. These polluters always knew this was happening but continued to do it while piling up massive profits with no accountability. Now it's time they pay for the damage they've done.

From the tobacco industry to the opioid crisis, there is a long, bipartisan history of holding corporations accountable for the harm they know their products cause. The Climate Resilience Superfund is about basic fairness.

Twila Jacobsen