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This bill is important to me because I experienced the fear of losing my home as an out-of-control wildfire moved through nearby towns I cherish, while we helplessly watched much of Talent explode in flames . Although we were saved by a sudden shift of extraordinarily high winds that took the fire back over 1-5 to our neighbors in Phoenix it caused further devastation. We tremble for ourselves and others as we now live through another very dry, unseasonably warm winter.

Though much rebuilding and healing has taken place in five years, schools, our local economy and our community still suffer from the losses of affordable homes , valuable infrastructure and the vibrant families that were forced from their communities because they could not afford to return as housing and land costs skyrocketed.

I am happy for this bill and a chance for Oregon legislators to stand up for your communities and fellow taxpayers who are still bearing the burden of the costs of this ,and similar climate disasters. It is only fair that some of the costs of climate disasters shift to the corporations that are knowingly causing them.