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On Behalf Of:  
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Dear Chair Golden, Vice Chair Nash, and members of the Committee,

I'm writing to you because I deeply care about our planet and want to encourage you to take action during this critical time.

I've been visiting a local park called Gabriel Park for over 12 years. It has gorgeous Douglas Fir trees and other evergreens that are big enough to sit and read beneath. I've always thought of them as providing magical shelters to escape to when I need it the most. Over the past few years, I've been slowly watching them die due to climate change which has steadily been getting worse each year. These ancient trees can no longer handle the hot conditions and drought in the Summer. My heart breaks every time I visit the park as I see their decline.

This is why I support the creation of the Climate Resilience Superfund, to hold fossil fuel companies accountable for their horrible pollution of our planet and pay for their mistakes. Please pass SB1541, if we don't have a planet left to live on, then nothing else matters. I'm scared, we are at a crucial tipping point and you have the power to help hold corporations accountable while helping Oregonians mitigate the worst of the damage.

Thank you,  
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