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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Natural Resources and
Wildfire

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1541

Dear Chair Golden, Vice-chair Nash, and Members of the Committee,

This bill is important to me because I want Oregon communities to be protected and restored when big corporations make a mess. I live part time in Portland and in Seaside. The impacts in these communities are both visible and upsetting. I have the ability to have purchased solar for both of my homes and as a result I enjoy low energy bills. The money collected from polluters when this bill passes, would go a long way to making solar power accessible to low income home owners and renters - the very people who will most benefit from it. Lowering energy costs will help people who struggle to pay for the high housing costs present in Portland and Seaside. I am a daily walker and get my exercise outside. Air quality and weather negatively impacted by corporate pollution impede my enjoyment of the outdoors and access to outdoors for large number of people who work and or travel outdoors. As legislators, you have the power to shift the costs from your constituents to these mega corporations. I urge you to pass SB 1541 and finally make these polluters pay for the damage they've done to communities across our state.

Joslyn Baker