

Senate Bill 1541

When you make a mess, you should clean it up. That's why I support the creation of the Climate Resilience Superfund, to hold polluters accountable by making the large, out-of-state fossil fuel companies pay their fair share.

This bill is important to me because this state is clean and green and as citizens we need to keep it this way.

In the City of Corvallis there has been only one fire close to where we lived. It devastated large chunks of land very quickly and has taken years to return to some of the splendor it once had. We were new in town, and they asked that everyone evacuate. We had nowhere else to go, so we stayed. My husband has asthma and later that year had respiratory issues.

If this small fire can do this to one person, what has it done with larger environmental issues and problems to the humans and animals that live there.

From wildfires to polluted water, we've seen communities across the state bear the brunt of our climate crisis. For too long, the cost of cleaning up the impacts of climate change has been the responsibility of us Oregonians and our local governments. We've been footing the bill while fossil fuel companies rake in the profits.

That must end.

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.