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To the OR Senate, and my Senate representative: I strongly support this bill as one who suffers from asthma, a resident of an increasingly fire prone area, and as a way for our state to build a fund to deal with the many consequences of air, water and land pollution found throughout Oregon.

Over the past 10 years, the amount of time that I have had problems breathing has increased due to wildfire smoke and inversions that cause poor air quality. Difficulty in breathing can be painful and exhausting, and poor air quality can increase the development of asthma, especially for children.

I live on Bald Peak in Yamhill County, which is heavily forested and lacking in firefighting infrastructure like hydrants. Some visiting rangers have called my neighborhood impossible to save if a fire comes. We are taking steps to improve fire safety, but this is very expensive. It causes great anxiety every fire season.

From potable and other water scarcity to wildfires to necessary cleanup of chemical spills to the health effects of pollution, these costs are only growing. With federal funding shrinking, it makes sense to create a source of funding from corporations operating in our state which have contributed to these problems.

Thank you for listening to your constituents' concerns.

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