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Dear Chair Golden, and Members of the Senate Natural Resources Committee,

My name is Phoebe Quillian, and I live in Talent.

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 I care about preserving and protecting OUR environment.

I live in Talent, OR where the Alameda Fire burned in 2020. It was an eye-opening tragic and brain-scarring event in my life and helped me realize the importance of wildfire resilience. The fire burned out of control along Bear Creek in part because of blackberries and other rapid burning fuels that destroyed more than 2500 homes and businesses. Did this fire result because of neglect from Pacific Power? Neglect from fire fuels? ALL due to warming from climate change? All three created the destruction of lives for so many. We are experiencing today a record of dry, no rain days and are set for a severe drought this summer. The potential for another wildfire is greatly enhanced. Fossil fuel companies have been given subsides and reaped in tremendous profits for over 70 years and yet not been held accountable for the damage they have done to our climate, our health, our lives. IT IS TIME FOR THEM TO BE HELD ACCOUNTABLE and get us off this road we are on of an unlivable planet for our species. They, all fossil fuel companies, need to pay to clean up and help set us on a sustainable path for our water and against wildfires. We need the Superfund to protect citizens from the damage done and the help to recover.

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 NOW.

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.