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

This bill is important to me because Oregon communities are already paying the price of these polluters through worsening wildfires, extreme heat, smoke-filled summers, and rising costs to stay safe. These impacts are not accidental; they are the result of decades of pollution by fossil fuel companies that knew the harm they were causing and continued anyway, all while making massive profits.

I am a senior at Lincoln High School in Portland, and I have grown up here. I care deeply about the future of my community and my state. I don't want to see these impacts continue or get worse for future generations if meaningful action isn't taken now. Oregon students and families should not be forced to keep footing the bill for a crisis we did not create.

The Climate Resilience Superfund would invest in wildfire resilience, energy-efficient homes, and other resilience projects that protect the communities most affected by climate change and fossil fuel pollution. This is about fairness and accountability. It's time we hold industries responsible for the damage they've caused.

I urge you to pass SB 1541 and make the largest fossil fuel polluters pay for the damage they've done so that Oregon can build a safer and more resilient future.