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I have lived in NE Oregon since 1990 and before that on the east side of Mt Hood near Maupin. We raised 2 children with fresh air at night coming through our open windows and closing down the house during the day to keep the cooler air in and the heat out. We never needed the expense or energy waste of an air conditioner in our home. When our sons moved out and we retired we have not had that luxury anymore. With hotter summers and wildfire smoke we can no longer live in our home comfortably and in a healthy way. We used a big chunk of retirement savings to electrify our home with solar panels and an electric heat pump so that we can cool the house in the summer without opening windows. That was an option we had available to us in order to protect our health and protect our environment. This is not something many NE Oregonians can financially do. This Climate Resilience Superfund would make resources available to provide that protection to many who can not afford to cool their homes.