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On Behalf Of:
Committee: Senate Committee On Natural Resources and
Wildfire
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1541

Dear Chair Golden, Vice-chair Nash, and Members of the Committee,

I am writing in support of SB 1541. For far too long corporations have polluted our environment in myriad ways. The most serious impacts have been climate disruption, ecosystem loss, species loss, air and water pollution, and landscape desecration. Larger and more massive wildfires have been an obvious consequence of these unchecked practices. I and my wife had to leave our beloved home state of Colorado to get away from the accumulation of pollutants in the local air from oil and gas drilling and the major increase in wildfire smoke settling in the area we lived due to human-caused climate change. Had regulations been in place from the start to ensure these highly profitable companies captured their emissions and cleaned up their other waste products from the start, we might have avoided these increasingly serious problems. Now we the victims of these abuses are paying for mitigation of the harms. It's now time to make those who are responsible for these harms accept accountability and pay for the mitigation and adaptation that is now necessary. It's better late than never to create a corporate polluter-financed Climate Resilience Fund to finance cleanup and recovery from the damage they have done to our natural systems upon which we depend for our health and quality of life. I certainly hope all of you will support this long overdue legislation.

Sincerely, Ken Bonetti North Bend, Oregon