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Dear Chair Golden, Vice-chair Nash, and Members of the Committee, It's only fair, it's logical and it's simple common sense that the large out of state polluters pay AT LEAST THEIR FAIR SHARE, especially when it's highly likely many of the damaging effects of their pollution won't become fully known until well down the road . . . and some of them will be out of business by then. Therefore 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. From wildfires to polluted water, we've watched as communities across the state have felt the worst 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. 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. Michael Ziegler Astoria OR