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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 Committee Members,

I am submitting testimony today in support of SB 1541 (Make Polluters Pay).

There is no doubt that we are seeing the negative impacts of climate change in Oregon and across the globe. There is direct, scientific evidence that the emission of greenhouse gasses is one of the major contributors to climate change. Due to these continued release of greenhouse gasses, we are experiencing rising sea levels, devastating wildfires, heat domes, drought, massive flooding and other climate disasters. In many cases states are left with the burden of paying for the damages, often resulting in cuts to necessary services and programs, while the companies that are creating the damage continue to experience record profits and no accountability. That hardly seems fair.

SB 1541 would provide a pathway for Oregon to collect money from those releasing the highest percentages of greenhouse gasses and create a fund that would help recover the cost for the damages caused. Similar legislation has recently passed in New York State and Vermont, and I hope that you will pass SB 1541 out of committee and on for a full vote.

Respectfully submitted,
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