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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,

My goodness - look at Mt Hood - it is crying for snow - the glaciers are shrinking in the middle of winter. Profit motives and greed have made a mess of the Earth the sustains us. And yes - it sustains us - the air and food and water keep us alive. How have we lost this? Thankfully we know our Earth can recover if we give it a chance.

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.

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