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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'm writing to support SB 1541 and urge you to pass this bill. I'm a mother and grandmother and am heartbroken at the future young people are facing. I went to a rally put on by some amazing high schoolers not just to support this issue but to let them know I (and many like me) have their back. Along with them, we have YOUR back to support you in doing the right thing in passing this legislation! I'm still working, self employed in my private practice and have lost clients over the past 10 years, even longer if I think back to the Biscuit Fire. They have moved because of worsening smoke, or because they have young children, or because they were traumatized by the Alameda Fire. Anxiety rises when we smell smoke of any kind. We are hyper vigilant. I see many more people and friends with anxiety. We know there are actions we can take and do our best to do them but it costs a lot of money to do the mitigation on the scale required. And if those efforts come at the cost of education programs that's not fair. Our town councils are pressured to the max. If we are doing our part it is only fair that we and our communities ask for the major mega-corporations to contribute their part too. I'm not asking for a free handout but for cooperation and partnership to change the trajectory we are on and give our kids a decent chance at their very challenging future. They have so many great ideas, so much positive energy and creative problem solving ideas but they need to know we are with them, that our system can work for them, that they are of value. So let's do it!!

Thanks for your attention.
Judith Sanford