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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 the Climate Resilience Superfund because I value the planet that we live on.

Being only fifteen, I can't say I remember when the summers were smoke free, when my parents didn't have to worry all summer that our rural home would burn in an unnatural wildfire, when the first step of planning a backpacking trip wasn't to see if the forest had burned recently, when it was given that streams and rivers and lakes were clean and not filled with harmful chemicals. But I know that such times did exist, and they should be viewed as the norm.

We MUST find ways to reverse the massive damage done by the fossil fuel industry, and in this world that unfortunately requires money. And that money should come from the same people who caused the damage it is needed to fix. Unfairness is one of the things that causes me the most anger in life, and the way that, in our current system, money flows from the affected populace to the corporate executives ruining the planet is anything but fair. SB 1541 is the first step to reversing this unjust pattern, and I urge you to use the power given to you by the people to advocate for their fair treatment. You were voted into office because the general consensus of the people you represent was that you held the best hope for our fair treatment.

Please live up to the our expectations by protecting us instead of big oil.

Thank you for your considering my testimony,
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