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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,

When you make a mess, you should clean it up. That's why 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. This bill is important to me because I have been an advocate for climate justice and stewardship of our limited resources since I was in Junior High School. I now have 2 grandsons whom I hope will be able to have healthy lives. However, the water and land and air are becoming more polluted while corporations are given tax breaks and CEOs make huge salaries. We are left to try to clean up their mess. That doesn't work in my home or community—it shouldn't happen at the corporate level, either. From wildfires to polluted water, we've seen communities across the state bear the brunt 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.