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I am a resident of Linnton, where the CEI Hub is located. We are in an extremely vulnerable situation as is the entire state. We smell the odors emitted, we have witnessed accidents that could have triggered a major calamity. Big Oil assumes no responsibility for their neighbors. They have intentionally covered up their causative role in the climate pollution has caused Oregon wildfires, lethal heat--including the Heat Dome that Multnomah County's 2021 lawsuit for \$52 B was based on. Since then extreme weather has continued to worsen. Profits from the largest 15 companies in the US in 2023? \$28,808,000,000 ! What is their accountability? What is their cost of doing business? The Climate Resilience Superfund will make fossil fuel polluters pay their share for our safety and recovery, instead of taxpayers. They need to contribute to our state's resilience challenges, since they have a large role in causing the climate chaos. The funds generated by the Climate Resilience Superfund will be used to make Oregon more resilient to wildfires, upgrade homes with energy efficient cooling and protection from the elements, strengthen transportation and the electrical power grid, invest in agriculture and fisheries, and more, to ensure the communities most impacted by the climate crisis benefit the most. It's past the time they pay for the damage they've done. This 'Fair' is more than fair. Taxpayers and local governments are already paying for the climate crisis with health issues, insurance costs, environmental damage. 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.