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On Behalf Of:
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Wildfire
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1541

Dear Chair Golden, Vice-char Nash and Members of the Committee,

It is essential that we create a climate resilience superfund to hold polluters accountable for the damages they have caused to Oregonians. Polluters have caused our state enormous harm and financial lose. As summers get warmer wildfire risk is sky rocketing. We have seen our forests burn, and those fires often spread into local communities. I used to live in Ashland, Oregon and was there to witness the 2020 Labor Day wildfires. The fires were horrible, destroying the towns of Talent and Phoenix. I had coworkers who suddenly became houseless. The cost of rebuilding has been an enormous burden on southern Oregon. It isn't fair that our communities have to pick up the tab for the increased fire threat caused by fossil fuel polluters. There is a long precedent of making harmful industries pay for the damages they cause. We already have superfunds that industry pays into for pollution they put into the dirt and into the water. It is time to make a superfund for polluters of our air. We often treat air pollution like it isn't there because it is mostly clear. Though we might not be able to see carbon dioxide, we can certainly see its disastrous effect on warming our atmosphere and damaging our communities. I urge you to strongly support SB 1541 the Climate Resilience Superfund bill.

Thank you,

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