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Support for the Climate Resilience Superfund To: Oregon State Legislators

My name is Denise Duren, and I am a 70-year-old retired Nurse Practitioner living with autoimmune disease and asthma. I am personally impacted by our worsening air quality, and throughout my career, I have cared for countless Oregonians suffering from illnesses caused by industrial pollution.

The principle is simple: if you make a mess, you should clean it up. For decades, out-of-state fossil fuel companies have generated massive profits while dumping pollution into our air and water. Oregonians are now paying the price through lethal heat, devastating wildfires, and rising health costs. The Climate Resilience Superfund (SB 1596) will:

- * Shift the Financial Burden: Hold big polluters accountable for the costs of climate recovery rather than leaving the bill to taxpayers.
- * Invest in Safety: Fund critical upgrades for wildfire resilience, energy-efficient cooling, and a stable power grid.
- * Protect Health: Support the communities most vulnerable to the heart and lung diseases associated with climate-driven disasters.

From tobacco to opioids, we have a long history of holding corporations accountable for the harm they knowingly cause. It is time for Oregon to treat the fossil fuel industry with that same standard of fairness. I urge you to support the Climate Resilience Superfund and make polluters pay their fair share.

Thank you for your time.