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Chair Golden, Vice-chair Nash, and Members of the Committee,

I lived in Shasta County in Far Northern California from 1984 - 2022 before moving to King City. With the exception of the 1992 Fountain Fire that destroyed 64,000 acres and 636 rural structures, I only witnessed comparatively small wildfires every few years until 2012 when multiple wildfires were occurring in Shasta and surrounding counties every summer.

In July of 2018 many of my friends and co-workers lost their homes in the terrible Carr Fire and my daughter lost her home in the November 2018 horrific Paradise Camp Fire. Air quality during those long hot and dry summers was always poor but became hazardous after 2011. My asthma has elevated in severity proportionate to the escalating wildfires and unfortunately did not abate after moving to King City. I understand that many factors contribute to the greater frequency and scale of wildfires but I am certain that climate change caused dominantly by fossil fuel industry emissions is the principal driver of these devastating wildfires.

The damaging effects of climate change caused mostly by major fossil fuel companies, has drastically impacted our citizens' health and finances as well as our municipalities' disaster relief efforts. I strongly support the Climate Resilience Superfund Bill. It is a cost recovery and taxpayer relief bill and reduces pressure on state budgets and household costs when communities are struggling. Revenue from this bill will help protect frontline communities, workers, and farmers, and fund disaster preparedness and recovery efforts.

Please support the Climate Resilience Superfund bill. Thank you for considering my testimony.

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