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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,

The biggest corporations who come into our state, use our resources and damage the environment need to pay for the consequences of their actions. They are the wealthiest factions in our state and besides receiving ridiculous tax breaks to move in they are polluting our land air and water supplies. Many of our residents are getting ill including fatal diseases such as cancer because of these companies. Hopefully if they have to pay it may persuade them not to come here in the first place. This state has some of the most the most beautiful and fragile environments and we only need businesses that can offer good jobs but are clean and not harmful to our eco systems.

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.

From wildfires to polluted water, we've watched as communities across the state have felt the worst 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.