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

Imagine an Oregon where it's big polluters who pay to defend our homes from wildfires instead of us footing the bill. Where financial assistance is available to install energy-efficient cooling and air filters to protect against heat and smoke. Where our utility bills, home insurance, and local tax burden see some relief, because wildfire prevention and disaster recovery are paid by out-of-state polluters, not Oregonians.

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.