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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 committee members: I write to ask that you pass SB 1541. It seems both fair and reasonable to assume that those responsible for creating climate related problems should help pay for damages their actions cause and help fund programs that mitigate their impact. Why should taxpayers shoulder the entire burden here? Failure to pass this bill will only serve as an incentive to fossil fuel companies to continue behavior that adversely affects us all, knowing that they can continue to get away with it with no consequences. There is precedent for passing such legislation. Tobacco companies and opioid firms have been forced to pay for the massive damages they have caused. I fail to see why fossil fuel companies shouldn't be held to a similar standard. Finally, the revenue generated by the Climate Resilience Superfund will provide money for much needed programs: home hardening, energy efficient cooling and weatherization. These programs are important ways for us to address the impact of climate change, which continues to be driven by the fossil fuel industry. It seems clear to me that the creation of this superfund is, at the very least, a way to address the problems without placing the entire burden on taxpayers. Sincerely, Pete Perry Bend