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On Behalf Of:
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Wildfire
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1541

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

In the next decade, climate change will adversely affect all of us and the ecological systems on which we depend. Those who make big profits from the fossil fuel and related industries that cause climate change should pay their fair share. I support the creation of the Climate Resilience Superfund to help accomplish this. I have friends and family here in Oregon who have had their home-owners insurance cancelled and then have had trouble getting any alternate insurance, because they live near forested communities that are drying up from drought and more susceptible to climate-influenced wildfires. I've seen increasingly common toxic algal blooms close down our recreational lakes, poison our pets, and stress our wildlife. Increasingly, the distributions of our native plants and animals are shrinking and populations are stressed, especially among those species who depend on high elevation habitats or wetland environments. As my state legislator here in Oregon, I urge you to hold those who make big profits responsible for paying their fair share – please pass SB 1541 this year.