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For too long, Oregonians have been paying to clean up from spills, pollution, wildfires, and other disasters caused by big corporations. It's time to hold out-of-state, corporate polluters accountable, which is why I support the creation of the Climate Resilience Superfund.

This bill is important to me because I love the great outdoors. Like many Oregonians, I was drawn to this state by the incredible hiking, backpacking, mountains, lakes, views, and other outdoor recreation opportunities. I've lived here for a decade now, and I've made Oregon my home. Each summer, I'm horrified to see beloved natural areas go up in flames. The beautiful ecosystems that make our state a national treasure are changing rapidly, and our land desperately needs protection and restoration.

We cannot continue to sit idly by as our lands, waters, and communities become degraded and destroyed by pollution and climate change. And we must not continue to foot the bill for cleanup, while fossil fuel companies rake in record-breaking profits.

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.