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I strongly support the establishment of the Climate Resilience Superfund, which will hold industrial polluters accountable for the damage they cause to Oregonians and our beautiful state.

Fires, record-breaking heat waves, and droughts -- these are the legacies of industrial polluters. They have contaminated our air, our water, and our soil, causing permanent harm to our communities.

And this harm is expensive to live with and even more expensive to mitigate. The effects of human-caused climate change in Oregon on our ecosystems, our people, our businesses, our healthcare system, our economy -- everything that makes Oregon *Oregon* is impacted negatively by industrial polluters.

And we're paying for it! Whether we're having to harden (or rebuild) our homes in newly fire-prone areas or seek healthcare for heat- or respiratory-related ailments or pay higher utility bills to keep our families safe during periods of excess heat or cold -- Oregonians are paying for the damage while fossil fuel companies and other large-scale polluters rake in the profits.

That must end.

The costs of responding to climate-related disasters and of making our communities more resilient must be paid -- but we shouldn't be the ones paying for it.

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.

Thank you.