

Amy Dishion testimony in support of Climate Resilience Superfund

My name is **Amy Dishion**, and I lived in **Phoenix, Arizona** when I lost my husband **Evan** to **heat stroke**.

I always tell my daughter Chloe: When you make a mess, you should clean it up. It's one of the most important rules of our house. When she makes a mess, I make sure she cleans it up. Here in Oregon, pollution from major oil corporations is making our extreme heat and weather worse. 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.

Let me tell you about my husband. Evan was an incredible person. He had this quiet goodness about him—his moral fiber was really strong. We clicked immediately. He was more reserved, and I've always been more eccentric, but we balanced each other. He helped me grow into a better person.

When Evan died, our daughter **Chloe was only three months old**. Watching her grow up without her father has been the hardest thing I've ever had to do. We moved to Oregon after Evan died to be closer to family. And here in Oregon, we are also seeing record-breaking heat year after year, and more people are dying because of it.

That means more families are being destroyed. It means more parents taken too soon. And it means there are going to be more widows like me.

This Climate Resilience Superfund bill is important to me because the cost of extreme heat and extreme weather shouldn't fall on families like mine, or on taxpayers, while fossil fuel companies continue to profit.

To me personally, climate is the most important issue facing us, because it impacts every creature on the planet. It affects our children—the people who are going to inherit this world. It is all-encompassing. I want my daughter to have a world that is beautiful and welcoming and hospitable.

From heat waves to other climate disasters, communities are paying the price for pollution and corporate greed. For too long, the costs of extreme weather have been pushed onto regular people—families, cities, and local governments—while the companies most responsible continue to rake in profits. That must end.

As legislators, you have the power to shift the costs away from grieving families and overwhelmed communities, and onto the corporations that caused this crisis.

I urge you to pass this bill and finally make polluters pay for the damage they've done.

Thank you.