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When I look at my two year old son, I wonder what summers growing up in Portland will be like for him.

For me, they were glorious days of just enough sun to swim in the pool at Creston park, chasing after ice cream trucks on my bike with my friends, but never so much heat that we needed AC, and never so much smoke in the air that we needed to shutter our windows and stay inside.

Yet for my son, while I imagine he will make some of these memories, I also know there will be days we can't go to the park due to wildfire smoke. There will be days so hot that the only thing to do is be inside. This is not what I want for my son, for our community's children nor for the wildlife we live among. I am grateful that our lawmakers are working on policy that holds polluters accountable.

The idea of a climate superfund is simple: if you make a mess, you should have to help pay to clean it up.

Fossil fuel corporations warmed our climate, and should pay their fair share of the costs! Make Polluters Pay makes the largest oil, gas and coal companies liable for the costs of their pollution to our state. Make Polluters Pay will help Oregon be more resilient for wildfires and other climate damage adaptation, including flood protection, upgrades to transportation and electric power grids, water supply and waste-water treatment systems, agriculture and fisheries, building retrofits, health of forests and other ecosystems, and other salient issues.

Thank you,  
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