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I, like most Oregonians, love our state's clean air, clean water, varied wildlife, forest retreats, and coastal cities. Climate change and carbon emissions threaten all of that. In the eight years that I've lived in the Willamette Valley, wildfire and heat advisories have become increasingly common. As a homeowner, I worry about the increasing costs of insurance and repairs in the face of climate-driven natural disasters. I worry about the health impact of smoke and heat on vulnerable people like children and senior citizen. The federal government is passing the buck. States must find funds to pick up the slack and ensure our first responders, infrastructure, and neighborhoods are prepared to face what's ahead of us. Presently, Oregon taxpayers must pay all of the costs of climate change, even though fossil fuel companies make billions in profits. Fossil fuel companies should finally start their part of the costs.