

I am writing to encourage your support for a bill in the state legislature that is designed to help local municipalities cope with the rising costs of damages to our communities, our homes, infrastructure, our lives resulting from the increasing frequency and severity of storms, wildfires, droughts, heat domes, and other forms of extreme weather.

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, whose products have damaged the climate, should pay their fair share of the costs. The fossil fuel industry knew that their product was warming the atmosphere and continued to pollute the environment and cause damage.

As it is now, Oregon taxpayers must pay all the costs of climate change, even though fossil fuel companies make billions in profits. SB 1187 will require that fossil fuel corporations provide funds to help cover these costs. Paying their fair share is simple justice.