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1. May EMO or partners submit your testimony to the Oregon Legislature and contact you using the information below? *

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6. For which bill are you submitting testimony to the Oregon Legislature? *

☐ Climate Resilience Hubs (HB 3170)

☒ Make Polluters Pay (SB 682)

7. STORY OF SELF: Who are you? What is your affiliation? What personal values or principles do you bring to this topic? *

I am a resident of Redmond, an energy scientist, and a board member of 350 Deschutes - a nonprofit that advocates locally for greenhouse gas emission reduction and electrification of building and transportation infrastructure.

8. STORY OF SELF, PART 2: How are you impacted by climate change? (Examples: heat, wildfire, smoke, drought, flood) *

I watched in horror as my childhood neighborhood was burned to the ground in the 2015 Canyon Creek Complex Fire. 43 of my neighbors lost their homes that awful day as more than 30,000 acres were incinerated in the inferno. Miraculously, my father's home survived, but it still hurts every time I drive through the area.

9. STORY OF US: How does your experience reflect the experiences of people in your community or beyond? *

These days, I do not know many people who have not been personally affected by wildfire in some way. Whether it is from a friend, neighbor, or family member losing their home, higher home insurance costs due to increased wildfire risk, increased utility costs from brutal summers, or just needing better air conditioning, insulation, and air filters to handle wildfire smoke and hotter, drier summers fueled by climate change, Oregonians are bearing the costs. There is little debate in the scientific community that greenhouse gas emissions are strongly correlated to increasing global temperatures, changing our climate, so why shouldn't polluters take responsibility and help pay for the damage?

10. STORY OF NOW: How would this bill improve your life? What action do you seek? *

I support the Make Polluters Pay Act because it will right decades of injustice and make those responsible for climate change pay to strengthen and rebuild our communities. Not only that, but it will help us accelerate our transition to a low carbon world, creating a better future for our descendants.