

## Senate Bill Testimony

My family, my husband, children and grandchildren live in Curry County along the coastal highway 101 where it is both beautiful and isolated. Six thousand families here receive food, medicine and fuel via Highway 199 along the Smith River Canyon which connects us to the I-5 interstate. The canyon is frequently blocked due to rockslides during heavy storms and forest fires during droughts.

These dangers existed before but now are amplified by longer fire seasons, and more extreme atmospheric rivers. It isn't only a problem of temporarily being cut off from essential supplies ----we have seen the tragedy of fires that are too extreme to fight in Maui and LA. Even here in Curry County we have seen some close calls with forest fires flamed by extreme conditions. Families in Maui and LA lost their homes ---the most important asset of their lives. Insurance companies certainly are taking note of rising costs of these disasters. Even if our homes are not destroyed by fire we all pay the price of increased home insurance or denial of coverage.

Science has the data to show the connection between climate related disasters and carbon pollution. The oil industry knew it decades ago and concealed it and to this day put up misinformation to deny the consequences. It isn't fair that our families in Curry County are threatened by increasingly extreme climate while the carbon polluters continue to see record profits without any accountability for the consequences.

This Senate Bill is written to protect families and demand accountability from polluters.