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As a wildland firefighter, I have witnessed the toll that climate change is taking on our forests, our communities, and our way of life. Although wildland fires are a natural cycle for many forests, and fuel mitigation is important, this bill addresses the accountability that directly contributes to climate change through carbon emissions. Our communities will continue to be faced with the destruction of fires that burn longer and hotter every year. The land we have today is not just ours it is an inheritance for our children and theirs. The Climate Superfund Bill offers a chance to make the corporations and manufacturers who have contributed the most to this crisis pay for their role in creating it. This destruction is not a future threat it's happening now, and we cannot ignore the profound consequences of inaction. By internalizing the cost of greenhouse gas emissions, we will ensure that those who have benefited from polluting our air and earth will be held accountable for the damage they've caused. We must place the financial burden where it belongs on the companies that have profited from the destruction of our environment. These funds should be used for climate adaptation and mitigation efforts helping to protect our communities from future disasters. We can continue to support those who are most vulnerable, and the wildlife that cannot compete with the rapidly changing environment due to the impacts of climate change. Thank you for your time and for considering the long-term impact of this crucial legislation I urge you to support this bill and take action. Sometimes it seems it's too late— but it is never too late to act bravely and continue to mend the ever-growing gap between us and our home. We have one home and it is this earth. It's time we act decisively to protect the land, the people, and the future of Oregon.