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Please pass this bill to help save our environment and help us hold corporations that are polluting it accountable. Maine's status as a place of exceptional beauty and plentiful outdoor recreation opportunities cannot be compromised. We owe it to ourselves, our children and their children to maintain this beautiful place and to do our part to prevent the impact of human-made climate erosion. Climate-driven storms are costing Mainers billions of dollars. Last winter's storms driven by climate change caused \$90 million in damage to public infrastructure and untold more to private property.

Fossil fuel companies caused climate change, they should pay for us to adapt to it. In 2024—the hottest year on record so far—oil companies took near-record profits, with the largest raking in over \$170 billion. This law will help Maine determine the true cost of dealing with climate change and require this trillion dollar industry to pay for climate adaptation projects that help Maine communities deal with the damage they've caused.

The "make polluters pay" principle is time-tested. The Maine bill is modeled after the original Superfund law, which has withstood legal challenges unscathed for decades. Maine would join national leaders championing this innovative policy, building on bipartisan legislation successfully enacted in Vermont and New York.