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I support the proposal that large oil/gas companies should be held accountable for environmental damage caused by global warming. They have known for at least 30 years that CO<sub>2</sub> in the atmosphere changes natural systems and that burning fossil fuels is responsible for most of the CO<sub>2</sub> exceeding background levels yet they chose to hide this fact as much as possible, and for as long as possible in order to maximize profits and minimize downsides to their operations. We the Public should not be the only ones to pay extra costs: externalizing environmental costs caused by corporate operations should no longer be permissible.