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Members of the House Environment Committee, The Climate Catastrophe that we see more evidence of each day requires that all of us, especially in the Ocean State, do more to eliminate Greenhouse gases with stronger standards and limits on pollution and more work to sequester carbon and build local resilience. This will be expensive. A small group of very large and rich corporations has made trillions of dollars over the last 100 years destroying the environment despite the fact that for more than 50 years they have been well aware of the end result of their pollution would be as catastrophe. The results se see hotter temperatures, stronger storms and destruction of ecosystems and biodiversity. Flooding is becoming much more frequent.

It is going to take a considerable amount of money to rectify the situation and it seems the only logical place to get the amount of money needed is to get it from those who have profited the most from the pollution that is killing the planet, the fossil fuel corporations. I strongly support H 5424 and its call to charge the fossil fuel producers fees based on how much they have polluted in the last 100 years, and use that money to end our dependence upon fossil fuels. Please pas H 5424.

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