

1 [Supporting California State Senate Bill No. 684 (Menjivar; Allen, Gonzalez, Stern, Wiener)
2 and Assembly Bill No. 1243 (Addis; Garcia, Kalra, Haney) - The Polluters Pay Climate
3 Superfund Act]

4 **Resolution supporting California State Senate Bill No. 684, introduced by Senator**
5 **Caroline Menjivar, and Assembly Bill No. 1243, introduced by Assembly Member Dawn**
6 **Addis, to address the climate crisis in California by shifting the burden of increased**
7 **taxpayer costs away from California residents and small businesses to fossil fuel**
8 **companies that have created the climate crisis.**

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10 WHEREAS, Climate change is increasing the frequency and severity of climate disasters
11 across California, including devastating wildfires, extreme heat events, floods, hurricane-force
12 winds, droughts, mud slides, and sea level rise; and

13 WHEREAS, The 2025 Palisades and Eaton fires in Los Angeles alone caused over \$250
14 billion in damages, burning 58.5 square miles of land and destroying 16,200 structures,
15 resulting in the displacement of tens of thousands of families; and

16 WHEREAS, A series of atmospheric rivers that impacted Northern California in 2024
17 caused \$4.5 billion in damages; and

18 WHEREAS, Major fossil fuel companies have emitted billions of tons of climate
19 warming gasses while generating billions of dollars in profits from products they knew were
20 driving the climate crisis and climate-related catastrophes; and

21 WHEREAS, California has a long and successful history of holding industries
22 accountable for the harm of their operations and the impacts of their products through
23 Extended Producer Responsibility laws, litigation, and other means; and

24 WHEREAS, The Polluters Pay Climate Superfund Act addresses the financial injustices
25 imposed on taxpayers and working families from climate-related disasters by requiring fossil

1 fuel polluters to offset the costs imposed on the taxpayer for the damage caused and
2 enhanced by their products; and

3 WHEREAS, The Polluters Pay Climate Superfund Act will ensure polluters pay to
4 remedy at least some portion of the burdens they have imposed on Californians, all while
5 amassing exorbitant profits; and

6 WHEREAS, The Polluters Pay Climate Superfund Act is modeled on the federal
7 Superfund law (CERCLA) and California's Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Act; and

8 WHEREAS, The bill is distinct from, complementary to, and does not affect ongoing
9 lawsuits to hold Big Oil accountable for their decades of deception and denial regarding the
10 known, dire risks their products pose; and

11 WHEREAS, Senate Bill No. 684 and Assembly Bill No. 1243 are sponsored by a broad
12 array of state legislators, consumer advocates, environmental organizations, and unions,
13 including the Center for Biological Diversity, California Environmental Voters, Physicians for
14 Social Responsibility, California Federation of Teachers, and the California Nurses
15 Association; and

16 WHEREAS, With the passage of Senate Bill No. 684 and Assembly Bill No. 1243,
17 California would join Vermont and New York, the first states to pass climate superfund laws
18 last year; now therefore be it

19 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
20 supports Senate Bill No. 684 and Assembly Bill No. 1243; and, be it

21 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges our local delegation
22 representing San Francisco in the State Legislature to support SB 684/AB 1243 and further
23 urges the California State Legislature and Governor Gavin Newsom to sign Senate Bill No.
24 684 and Assembly Bill No. 1243 into law; and, be it

1 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Board shall send a copy of this Resolution
2 to Governor Gavin Newsom, President pro-Tempore Mike McGuire, Speaker of the State
3 Assembly Robert Rivas, and the offices of San Francisco's State delegation.
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