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Dear Somerville City Councilors and City Clerk:

I am Courtney Foster, a Somerville resident at [REDACTED]. I am part of the greater Boston chapter of the Sunrise Movement, the nation's largest youth advocacy organization on climate justice. While I cannot attend the hearing tonight due to a medical visit, I wish to submit testimony in favor of the Make Polluters Pay bill.

During the time I have lived in Somerville, extreme weather swings have gotten worse and worse. The costs often fall on ratepayers like myself which have to foot the utility bill during extreme cold and extreme heat which we now know due to the development of climate attribution science is exacerbated by climate change to varying percentage points per weather event which is able to be numerically determined. This Climate Adaptation Superfund would make sure that the largest carbon pollution emitters commit funding to Massachusetts for it to use in benefit of those most adversely impacted by climate change, be it financially, in terms of physical health, and in other ways. The fossil fuel companies are aware of their negligence and they deserve to be held responsible for the benefit of our city and the Commonwealth.

Best wishes,  
Courtney