

Virginia \$31.2 Billion

**The minimum down payment to protect Virginia
from rising seas.**

UNLESS BIG OIL PAYS, YOUR CONSTITUENTS WILL

84% of Virginia voters agree that
**Big Oil and Gas must pay
their fair share**

Communities across the country are facing massive price tags to protect their families from the impacts of climate change. A new study by the Center for Climate Integrity and Resilient Analytics shows that by 2040, building the seawalls necessary to protect communities could cost:

- A staggering \$416.2 billion nationally
- \$31.2 billion in Virginia alone

**Right now, taxpayers are on the hook for all of these costs,
while Big Oil and Gas are getting off without a scratch.**

See the full report at
climatecosts2040.org



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Big Oil learned their products would cause climate change decades ago—then denied it.

- Oil companies knew by the 1960's that their products were causing global warming. By 1980, they were calling climate change “potentially catastrophic.”
- Instead of warning the public and shifting to clean energy, these companies spent millions to plant doubt and downplay the risks—all while protecting themselves and their profits from the impacts of climate change.
- Now, they say they're not responsible for any of the damage caused by climate change or defenses needed to protect against it.

Just as the tobacco industry had to pay for the harm they knew their products would cause, the fossil fuel industry must help pay the costs of the climate crisis.

After learning about Big Oil's con and the actual cost of climate change, 84% of Virginia voters support making corporations pay for their share of the damages.

The most direct path to a fair solution is for state and local elected officials to take fossil fuel companies to court.

States, counties, and cities across the country have filed lawsuits against climate polluters to hold them responsible for the massive costs of adapting to the climate crisis.

Big Oil is touting support for a carbon tax—but only if it includes complete legal immunity.

Major oil companies got credit in the media for supporting a carbon tax. But their support depends on denying communities their right to take oil companies to court for their share of climate damages.

- A liability waiver would prevent the industry from being held accountable for all climate-related bills—past, present and future.
- This waiver could be added to a carbon tax bill at any time. Your constituents are depending on your vigilance.

If Big Oil gets immunity, Virginia gets stuck with the bill.
