

I live in North Bend, Oregon for the beauty and environment. I enjoy the fresh food from local farms. I am connected to the land because I also like to hike, mountain bike, fish, mushroom hunt, nature photography.

Good day.

I am testifying to say from my view, environmental justice is a high priority issue that needs respect and attention to ensure that everyone and everything sharing the landscape are allowed to simply live in it.

Environmental justice is an American value. We have the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. At the most basic level, that includes clean air and clean water.

Different groups are affected differently. Sometimes the differences are because of income, race / ethnicity, or where they live. In this case, we are addressing environmental justice issues – they may be because of natural events like the recent wildfires, or they may be human-caused like pollution from factories or petroleum refineries.

I also feel that everyone needs a fair voice and fair representation.

Please vote YES on SCR 17, because this will let all Oregonians have a voice at the table.