

To: Members of the Senate Rules Committee,

I am writing to ask you to approve SJR 28 that calls for the Constitutional Right to a Healthy Environment and a stable climate. It is my hope that with your support and the support of the citizens of Oregon the Senate leadership will bring it up for a vote.

Be assured that the many organizations that sponsored OCERA's efforts to bring this important piece of legislation to you will work hard to obtain the necessary votes to pass a ballot measure for this Constitutional Amendment. One of these organizations is the Elders Climate Action Oregon Chapter that I helped form and am a co-leader.

I learned about the value of having a 'green' constitutional amendment when I viewed the entire trial conducted by the youth in Montana. The young and their expert witnesses were successful in their suit to stop the coal industry from polluting and harming the environment and climate, largely because Montana had a constitutional amendment similar to the one we are urging you to support for Oregon.

It is my belief that this approach is necessary for our youth and future generations. As an elder I will continue my activism to make the planet and all living creatures safe from harm and I encourage you to do the same.

Please pass SJR 28 for our children, grandchildren and all future generations.

Sincerely,

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