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Dear Chair Golden, Vice Chair Nash and members of the committee,

Clean water and clean air are in a crisis mode here in Oregon as well as around the world. We really need a Rights Of Nature level protection for these natural resources, that provides legal protections for the environment, rivers, watersheds, etc. by giving them legal personhood. This is happening all over the world from the Amazon, Peru, Ecuador, Australia, and India to a county in Oregon, to the environment in cities in New York State. This idea will take awhile to enact.

In the meantime, it is imperative that those who pollute or destroy our natural resources are held accountable by being required to pay for their damages.

Thank you,  
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