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Support Senate Concurrent Resolution 17, an Environmental Justice Framework for Oregon

Senate Concurrent Resolution 17, an Environmental Justice Framework for Oregon, recognizes that environmental justice encompasses challenges and solutions that are shared across urban and rural frontline communities. Uplifting the health, dignity, and agency of all lends support and credence to the environmental justice work many underrepresented Oregon communities want to see implemented.

Communities across Oregon can see themselves reflected in the principles stated in SCR 17. The principles expressed in the resolution bring all Oregonians together to work to enact environmental policies that recognize the need to rebuild our communities and provide fair access to the full range of resources for communities across this state to achieve collaborative solutions. The resolution is written to be a guidepost for Oregon of environmental justice principles and a framework coming directly from communities most impacted. The goal of the resolution is aspirational, to ensure equity and environmental justice for future Oregonians.

The principles of SCR 17, the Environmental Justice Framework Resolution, hold true for all Oregonians. We urge Oregon decision makers to respect the needs of those people who have long been underserved and overburdened by complex and continuing environmental challenges - and to declare our collective responsibility to build a more equitable and sustainable future.

We look to all our leaders to vote yes on SCR 17 so that Oregon can take its place in a long legacy of declarations that propel humans toward a just and inclusive community.

