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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Rules

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SJR28

Dear Chair Jama and Members of the Committee:

I am 72 years old and will not live long enough to see the worst impacts of the Climate Crisis. But my three children will. And my grandchildren will. There is no more important issue for me than to begin to address the Climate Crisis.

I think that should be true for our elected leaders as well, and that is why I strongly support SJR-1, the Right to a Healthy Environment bill. If passed by the voters, our State government will be required to do a much better job to address the Climate Crisis as they should. The efforts we have made so far do not come close to what we should be doing.

The bill makes our state and local governments' responsibility to address the Climate Crisis implicit in our Constitution. When the Constitution was written we were not faced with the existential crisis of Climate Change. So SJR-1 is merely about updating our constitution to address the greatest threat Oregon and the world has ever faced.

Please vote SJR-1 out of your committee with a "do pass" recommendation.

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