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Chair Jama, and members of the Senate committee of rules.

I support SJR28

SJR28 which proposes to amend our Oregon Constitution will firmly establish Oregonians rights to clean air, and a safe and healthy environment for generations to com.

I am vegan, and one of the reasons that I am vegan is because of the state of current environmental issues.

Oregon needs to establish the right to clean air. The right to clean air will help end airborne sickness, icreasing challenges to human health and safety, quality of our constituents life, and help economic growth, making Oregon a safe and enjoyable environment for our community, and for our economy. Tourist will want to come to Oregon and this will help business owners and greatly improve our economy.

It's vital to reduce sickness and disease from pollution. Healthcare costs will decrease with a healthy environment and this legislation if passes helps guarantee a better quality of life for our children, grandchildren and future generations.

The rising temperatures, drought, flooding, and wildfires will increasingly disrupt our health, and kill our habitation if we dont pass the legislation into law.

I and my family have been personally affected by the effects of global warming and air pollution by wildlifes, cafos, factory farming, and poisoned waters.

In 2018, I went to Salem Oregon with a group of animal liberation Activists to a restaurant and drank contaminated water because Salem had a water quality issue due to a toxic algae bloom in Detroit Lake, prompting the city to issue a drinking water advisory and provide free, safe water from trucks to residents. This happens when dirty, filthy water and feces from dairies runs off into our drinking water contaminating it.

A harmful algal bloom in Detroit Lake, a reservoir that provides drinking water to Salem, produced toxins that made the water unsafe for certain groups, including young children, pregnant or nursing mothers, pets, wildlife and other sensitive populations.

The city had issued a drinking water advisory and provided free, safe water from water trucks to residents.

I have been working on a healthy clean environment for the past 10 years since becoming vegan. I helped arrange a workshop with CELDF at our local library. Rights to Clean Air. I also attended many meetings and informational rallies with mayor's and other Oregon citizens and have reached out to our Oregon State Representatives, and Senators about having constitutional rights to a clean environment, because our environment is being destroyed.

Proposing an amendment to the Oregon Constitution to make a clean, safe and healthy environment for all who live here and visit.

Our environment is in grave danger. The weather changes rapidly from cold to hot. Recently hail storms after 47 degrees weather. This weather is a sign of global warming and shouldn't be taken lightly.

When wildfires happen other animals such as coyotes, bears, deer, elk, and cougars are often displaced due to the lack of food and cover. This causes not only displacement but also our Oregon animals end up in our back yards because of their homes being burned down and uneducated people complain and blame the displaced animals who of no fault of their own have no home, causing a disruption in our ecosystem.

Those that oppose the rights to a healthy environment are putting Oregonians and business in jeopardy, because no one wants to visit a polluted state.

Please keep Oregon safe and Please pass SJR 28 Right to a healthy environment into law for we deserve the right to live in a healthy environment and so do many of our Oregon animals who play a crucial role in maintaining healthy ecosystems that can only happen if we pass SJR 28 and have the right to a healthy environment.

Thank-You for this opportunity to testify.

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"Veganism is the single biggest way to reduce your environmental impact on the planet" Oxford University