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Now is the the time we must commit to preserving Oregon as a place of beauty. A place where balance is never compromised when we discuss the ecosystems that we as humans so easily tamper with and even destroy. Oregon agencies and the Legislature have not acted with sufficient urgency to reduce this damage. The pollution and harm we allow through neglect and even, pitifully, justified as "the cost of operating business" needs to be acknowledged and stopped immediately. The easiest evidence that points to this is Oregon's GHG emissions. It is urgent that global GHG emissions be reduced to net zero as soon as possible. Oregon and a few other states can lead the way, as they have historically on many environmental issues. In the recent past both major political parties in Oregon supported environmental protection. The amendment points to the need for a stable climate.

Record Wildfires in the West from Climate Change

Unrestrained GHG emissions threaten the destruction of Oregon's farms, forests and fisheries in the next few decades. In just the last decade there have been record wildfires all across the US to include; Oregon, California, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Washington, Wyoming, Arizona, New Mexico, Texas/Oklahoma, Tennessee, Kansas, Hawaii and all western provinces in Canada.

We can impose collaborative and reasonable laws and safety boundaries to the types of risks and pollution that will continue to devastate our beautiful home. I support SJR 28 and hope to see a future where, instead of increased pollution, we can see spectacular skies, nature preserves, and pristine waters continue to grow. Thanks