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On Behalf Of:
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Senate Committee on Rules

Re: Senate Joint Resolution 28

Dear Chair Senator Jama, Vice-Chair Senator Bonham and members of the Committee:

Well, this is quite a bright idea isn't it? I doubt the Committee will fail to pass it and with that it will work its way to be on a ballot some day for all Oregonians to vote on. It's my thinking that by that time—as is becoming more apparent—more Oregonians are seeing just what so-called green energy / net-zero energy is leading us towards. And that does not look like the rosy picture it has been made out to be.

So, although I am against this sort of 'feel good' legislation and do indeed hope the Committee tables it, politically, going against SJR 28 would not be a good move for anyone in the legislature, eh? However, I am not worried that it will actually garner enough votes to embed it in our Constitution at some point in the future.

Many in our state appear to think we have an endless list of rights that can simply be conjured up out of thin air. A clean, safe and healthy environment, eh? Lofty goals indeed. But I think those same folks have no inkling of the compromises and trade-offs in general that life on our planet entails—nay, requires.

Overall our planet—our environment—is already clean and safe and healthy. Is there someone, somewhere, who does not want that? Just who in Oregon is working against such as that? No one. The "safe" aspect of SJR 28 is the scary part. People these days are so timid, so fearful, of life in general I guess, that they cannot even hold a simple job. Some people are afraid of everything and there'll be no satisfying them.

I think I can say sure, go ahead and pass this legislation—at our own peril. But think long and hard before you do.

Thank you,
Richard Wisner