

## Support for SJR 28

My name is Maripat Hensel and I am from Wilsonville, 97070.

From my Christian faith tradition and my work with organizations, such as Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon and the ELCA Oregon Synod, I learn about the risk at hand.

As an active and involved volunteer in the community, I advocate and explain that environmental rights are human rights. I know that I must do whatever I can for my children and grandchild, so I encourage you to bring the Environmental Rights Amendment to Oregonians as a ballot measure. Take this opportunity to invite us to vote for this change to the Oregon Constitution.

As the owner of metro area farmland and forested property since 2010, I see drier grasses coming earlier and earlier. The same is true for the property we own on the Oregon coast. We now see dry grass in mid-June at the beach after 28 years of property ownership. And, as the mother of a young farmer who now works off the land because it is difficult in places like Rogue River, where he farmed, to believe pig, sheep and poultry farmers can take the risk with climate. Animals that are sustainably raised to near full-size and then may perish with temperatures that are too high to keep flocks alive and conditions that are too hot or smokey to have clients come at the farmer's market is extremely difficult to manage.

We need to wisely choose ways to reduce our carbon footprint. We must work together to build awareness and learn to live conscientiously. Oregonians can lead the way for other states to build momentum for national change.

Take this bill to the floor this year and vote in support of SJR 28.