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It should go without saying that every person, in or outside Oregon, has a right to a clean, safe, and healthy environment. But with a federal government largely absent from the debate or, as it now proves to actively threaten the population through bad policy and corruption, it is up to the states to take up the matter. It would be best for states to work together, since the air we breathe, the water we have access to, and the forests that surround us belong to everyone across the United States, such as we are united. But before a state can work on the matter with other states it needs to get its constitution in order, and that's why this amendment to the Oregon Constitution is important.

I have been on this earth nearly 80 years. Over the past 40-plus years I have worked the earth as a vineyard owner and with my wife in our extensive gardening. Over that time, the climate has shown itself to change rather drastically, threatening crop cycles or even the survival of crops in general. Pollution, as well as fires and floods that once were rare in certain places and are becoming routine, along with hotter, drier summers, massive storm activity, and colder winters now prevail; this is neither clean, safe, nor healthy for homo sapiens.