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I am a resident of Portland, Oregon, and we also have a rental property in South Beach, Oregon. My husband, children, friends, family, neighbors and business associates all depend on a clean, safe, healthy environment to live and thrive in Oregon. We need clean water to drink, clean air to breath, safety from wildfires, wildfire smoke, floods and rising seas and our state constitution should reflect these needs by explicitly stating our right a clean, safe, healthy environment. That way citizens can make sure that state laws reflect and protect these fundamental rights for us, our children, our grandchildren and future generations. Please refer this amendment for approval or rejection on the next regular election. Citizens can feel so powerless in the face of climate change, pollution and other problems and we should have a chance to cement these fundamental rights into our constitution. I especially like that the measure as written does not require the legislature to do anything more. It's clean and simple and necessary. I also like the inclusion of future generations as it is hard for everyone, including elected officials, to do the hard work needed to protect this beautiful state for future generations. Thank you.