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My name is Kevin Fairham-Wheeler and I am writing on behalf of Community for Earth, a social justice action group at First Unitarian Church in Portland. Our faith is based on Core Principles which include a deep respect for the Interdependent Web of All Existence of which we are a part.

As a native Oregonian I remember a Republican Governor, Tom McCall, working to move state policies forward to improve the lives and futures of all Oregonians moving the state toward a safe and healthy environment. This amendment improves on that legacy and puts this key value, that all Oregonians hold, into our State constitution. If passed by the voters, the State government will be required to do a better job to prevent environmental threats to the health and safety of Oregonians.

Passing the Right To A Healthy Environment amendment will give Oregonians an immediate redress to threats to their health and safety. Currently public outcry is the only means of moving the legislature to action against urgent environmental threats.

Our faith compels us to ask you to act now to support SJR-28-1 to tackle the climate crisis, create clean energy jobs, reduce pollution, encourage climate resilient communities and ensure environmental justice.

Thank you for your consideration,

Kevin Fairham-Wheeler
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