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March 26, 2025

To: [Chair Senator Jama](#), Vice Chair [Senator Bonham](#),
and Members of the [Senate Committee on Rules](#)

Re: [SJR 28](#) – Fundamental Right to Healthy Environment – **Support**

Senate Joint Resolution 28 is a legislative referral to the voters which would amend the Oregon Constitution relating to a right to a clean, safe and healthy environment. The League has advocated for this fundamental right in all three branches of government (legislature, executive, and judiciary) for over ten years. The League of Women Voters (LWV) views climate change as a serious threat and advocates for prompt action to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, invest in a clean energy economy, and support a just transition to address this critical threat to current and future generations.

The League supports this constitutional amendment referral concept with comments. The League is concerned with the specific wording. It appears to be written from a courtroom perspective. To address voter understanding and reduce confusion we suggest simple wording, such as that used in the constitutions of other states (e.g. [State of Montana](#)) that have had favorable environmental constitutional rulings.

We support SJR 28 with comments and urge your consideration for a bill amendment.

Thank you for the opportunity to discuss this legislation.

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Barbara Klein
Acting President LWVOR

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Claudia Keith
Climate Emergency Coordinator

Cc: [Representative Tran](#)