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Chair Jama and members and staff of the committee

I came to Oregon 45 years ago and stayed because of its natural beauty and the sense that preserving a healthy environment was a value held by most Oregonians. I worry about current actions at the national level to roll back hard won environmental protections. SJR 28 would enshrine the right to a healthy environment into our State Constitution. It would hold state agencies accountable to proactively identify health risks from pollution. Most importantly, it would give private citizens standing to file a suit in court requiring that scientific evidence of harm be heard. This means people can object to a polluting project before they have asthma or cancer.

This certainly seems fair to me. And I don't see anything in our State Constitution that enshrines a right for corporations to cause public health risks.

I am a retired elementary school teacher and I can assure you that young children believe that adults are looking out for their well-being. SJR 28 would do just that.

Thank you