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I am writing in support of SJR 28 (OCERA), which is more important than ever given today's Supreme Court decision to deny a hearing for Juliana vs The United States. I recently had the good fortune to hear a terrific group of young people from Montana speak about their own constitutional amendment, held up by their state Supreme Court, which codifies a citizen's fundamental right to a clean-as-possible environment. These young folks, with resilience and utter determination, have protected current and future generations from horrible damage to body, soul, and mind when we are bombarded by toxins, when our forests are laid bare, and when we are afraid to drink our local water. It's time for Oregon to follow suit—please make explicit in our constitution that outside corporate/fossil fuel industries can't enter our state and ravage our natural resources, leaving us and our children and grandchildren to suffer the consequences. I urge you to please vote, in these chaotic and frightening times, to preserve our mutual health!

Thank you.

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