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I write today as a Bend resident about Senate Joint Resolution 28, a constitutional amendment regarding our Right to a Healthy Environment. This amendment would enshrine in the Oregon Constitution the fundamental right that ALL of us have to a clean, safe and healthy environment . . . for those living here now and for all future generations.

Passing such an amendment has become especially important in view of events that continue to occur at the federal level. Federal regulations, intended to protect all Americans and our environment, are being rescinded, weakened, defunded, or just plain ignored by government officials. Vital programs that manage our natural resources are being dismantled or eliminated. Research programs in health, science and agriculture—supported by the National Institutes of Health, National Science Foundation, and U.S. Department of Agriculture—are being gutted. All of this is to the detriment of the well-being of our citizens.

We Oregonians must protect ourselves because it's clear that we can't depend on federal regulations and legislation alone to protect us. Please SUPPORT SJR 28!!