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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Rules

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SJR28

I am writing in support of SJR 28. Laws and regulations are created in a democratic society to help protect the population from harm. If someone deliberately attacks another person and injures them or kills them, they are subject to significant penalties in accordance with laws. However, all too frequently corporations are allowed to do comparable levels of harm and on a much wider scale by knowingly emitting toxins into the air we breathe or the water we drink without consequence to them. Corporations are given the benefit of "personhood" when it comes to the right of free speech, but they are not held to a similar level of "personhood" standards when it comes to being held responsible for their own injurious behavior. Corporations and the individuals who run them should be held as accountable as an individual person when it comes to doing harm to others. I ask that you vote to pass SJR 28 on the basis of fairness and to help level the playing field.