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On Behalf Of:

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Chair Jama and members of the Senate Rules Committee,

I am a former teacher of young children, grandmother, and co-facilitator of the Medford UCC Creation Justice team. I care deeply about our environment and believe Oregon will benefit greatly from a constitution that guarantees Oregonians a healthy environment. This would give much needed leverage to the people of Oregon

as we urge state agencies with authority to protect our environment in order to meet their charge.

Our youth do not deserve the degraded and dangerous world they are getting. “the World Health Organization

UNICEF and the Lancet issued a report in 2020 declaring children in the world now face existential threats from ecological degradation and the climate crisis and that no country in the world is adequately protecting children’s health.”

Protecting our communities should be our government's highest priority. We can take a big step forward by enshrining the Right to a Healthy Environment in Oregon’s constitution. I urge you to support placing this Right to a Healthy Environment amendment to Oregon’s Constitution on the ballot. I look forward to where we young and old can deliberate what kinds of lives we want to live in our state.

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