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On Behalf Of:

Committee:

Senate Committee On Rules

Measure, Appointment or Topic:

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I studied constitutional protections of the environment in law school at Tulane, and have been impressed by the positive experience of those rights where they are found (e.g. Montana, Ecuador, Michigan) through the practice of law. This is not a mere symbolic step, but an important legal protection.

I support this measure especially in light of my Catholic faith. Pope Francis's encyclicals *Laudato Si* and *Laudate Deum* lay out the faith commitment to this sort of environmental protection, and lays to rest the tired old mischaracterizations of Human Domination of nature. We Catholics support an "integral ecology," and this provision is consistent with that.

Finally, I support this measure for my children, who deserve better from the "grownups" in government.

Please show courage, conviction and compassion by voting to move this measure forward, and by speaking out in favor.