

Submitter: Russ Mead

On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Rules

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SJR28

Dear Members of the Oregon Legislature,

I am Russ Mead, a law professor in Oregon. I strongly support Oregon SJR 28. I urge you to pass this resolution for one crucial reason: to put this vital issue directly before the people of Oregon.

The most important aspect of passing SJR 28 through the legislature is not the content of the amendment itself, but the opportunity it provides for direct democracy. An issue of this magnitude, which will impact current and future generations, should not be decided solely by representative government. It must be put to a vote by the citizens of Oregon.

By voting against SJR 28, you would be substituting your own will for the will of the people. This is fundamentally at odds with Oregon's rugged ideals of individuality and self-determination. Important decisions like this should not be in the hands of the few who can afford to be in the legislature. We, the people of Oregon, should decide this issue for ourselves and for our children. It is our right, and your responsibility, to allow our citizens to decide our fundamental rights.

Pass SJR 28 and allow Oregonians to exercise their democratic right on this crucial matter.

Sincerely,? Russ Mead