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On Behalf Of: 350 Salem OR  
Committee: Senate Committee On Rules  
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SJR28

Chair Jama, Co-Chair Bonham, and members of the Senate Committee on Rules,  
My name is Laurie Dougherty. I live in Salem and am a Co-Coordinator of 350 Salem  
OR, local affiliate of climate justice organization 350.org.

We support SJR 28 which will refer to the people an amendment to the Oregon  
Constitution to establish a fundamental right to a clean, safe and healthy  
environment.

I call your attention to testimony submitted for 350 Salem OR by Professor Janet  
Lorenzen. I want to add and emphasize that an Oregon Amendment proclaiming this  
fundamental right will give our state's Legislature and Agencies clear guidance that  
they have a duty to protect the well being of Oregon's people and the natural systems  
of land, air, water and climate on which we depend. Furthermore, the Amendment  
provides Oregon's people a way to call this duty into effect when bills, rules or other  
decision matters come before the Oregon Legislature and agencies.

350 Salem OR urges you to vote Yes on SJR 28.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.