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I support this amendment to establish all Oregonians' right to a clean, safe, and healthy environment. As a pastor of a La Grande congregation and the mother of two teenagers, I believe this amendment will support a world in which future generations and God's whole creation can thrive.

Oregon enjoys a reputation of being environmentally friendly, perhaps due to the beauty of the natural resources we still have, but those in the know have a different story to tell. From harmful amounts of nitrates in groundwater to damaged watersheds, our water is clearly not protected.

Oregon's current system waits to address environmental threats until public pressure forces the Legislature to act. With huge threats looming, this is like driving at night without headlights. Preventing environmental disasters is much less costly than cleaning up after disasters.

Today, the health and safety of Oregonians are threatened by toxic pollutants in the air, water and soil and by climate change. This amendment about updating our constitution, and our rights, to protect us against the greatest threats we face today.

Please approve SJR 28! Thank you.