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On Behalf Of:

Committee:

Senate Committee On Rules

Measure, Appointment or Topic:

SJR28

As a senior citizen living in Jackson County who lost his home in Talent and almost all his possessions to the Almeda wildfire of Sept. 8th, 2020, I know how fragile our environment is in this age of human-caused global warming and climate change. That's one reason I support the "green amendment," SJR 28. I urge this committee to approve this bill and send it to the full Senate with a "do pass" recommendation. I will be thrilled to have a chance to vote for the constitutional amendment once it is placed on a statewide ballot.

The staff summary of this bill sounds great to me:

(SJR 28) states that a clean, safe, and healthy environment may include, but is not limited to, clean air and water, thriving ecosystems, and a stable climate system.

- It states that this right shall not be abridged.
- It establishes that all of Oregon's public natural resources are the common property of all people.
- It establishes that the state shall conserve and maintain these resources against substantial impairment.
- It allows any person to obtain declaratory relief against the state for action or inaction allowing harm, or the threat of harm, to public safety and health

We need to do all we can to protect Oregon's "clean air and water, thriving ecosystems, and a stable climate system."

Please pass this measure and work to secure its approval by both houses and send it to the voters ASAP.

Thank you,

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