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On Behalf Of:
Committee: Senate Committee On Rules
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SJR28
To: Members of the Senate Rules Committee:

I attended the hearing on SJR 28 that calls for an Oregon constitutional amendment to insure the rights of citizens to a clean and healthy environment and a stable climate.

I was impressed with the concern of our citizens and our children to care enough about this issue to travel from great distances to speak to the Committee. Although I did not speak, I am an elder from Florence and their concerns are my concerns too.

What I was not impressed with were those who spoke in opposition. Most were from the logging and paper industry, and while those industries are important to the economy of the state, they are some of the worst polluters. Clean air and clean water are much more important to our economy and our citizens than profitable industries that pollute. We will never fix our pollution problems unless we take bold action now.

I urge you to pass SJR 28 not only for our children and grandchildren, but also for us elders who do not want to be gasping for breath when the next wildfire happens.

Thank you for your time and attention to this critical issue.

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