

The image features a background of a lush green field, possibly a meadow or a field of tall grass, with a white rectangular border framing the central text. The text is written in a bold, white, sans-serif font and is centered within the border.

**A FUNDAMENTAL,
ENFORCEABLE RIGHT TO
A HEALTHY
ENVIRONMENT**

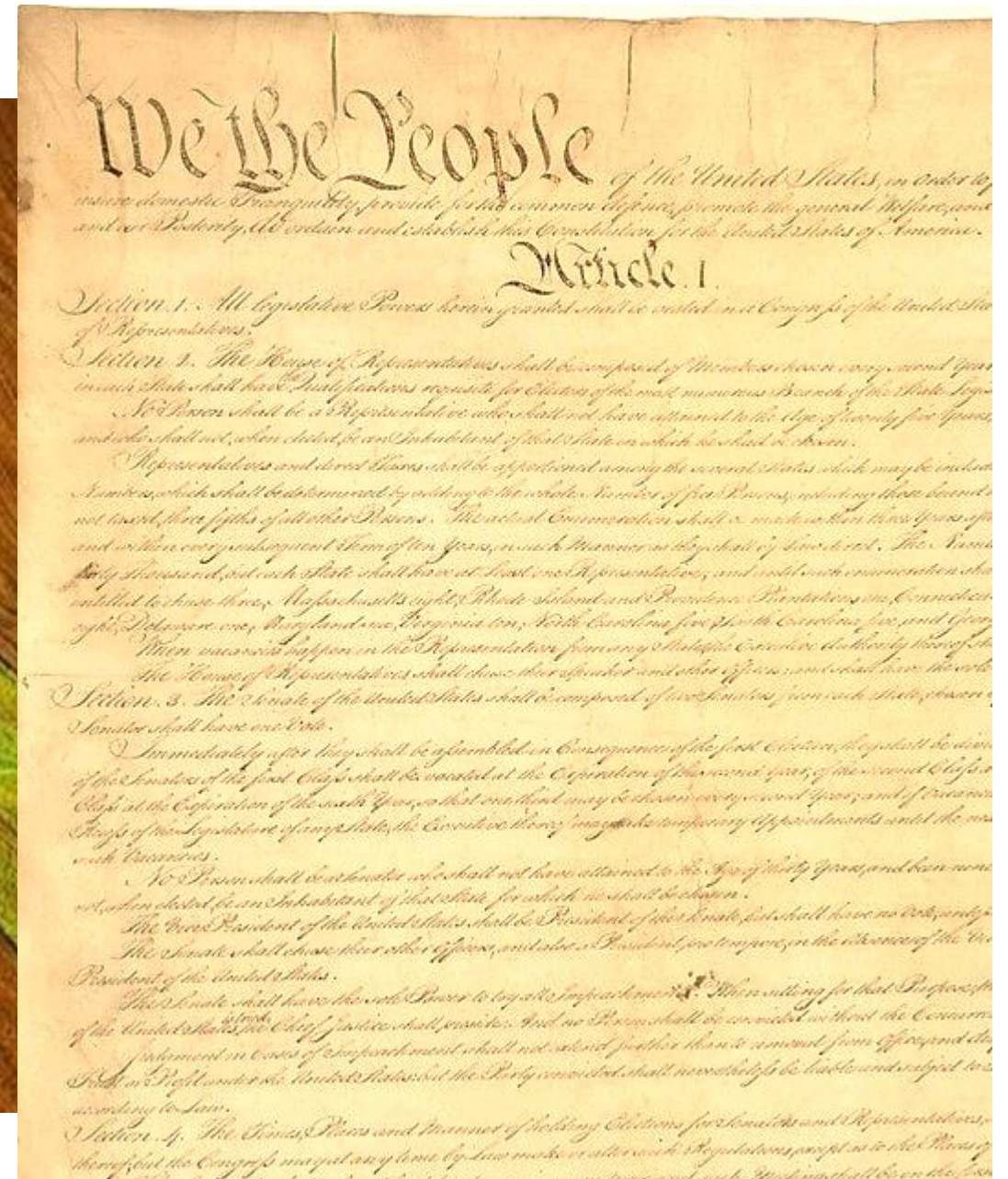
**OUR RIGHT TO A
HEALTHY
ENVIRONMENT**



**OCERA: Oregon Coalition for an
Environmental Rights Amendment**

CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS

OUTLINE OUR BASIC RIGHTS AND ARE FOUNDATIONAL



THE
ENVIRONMENT
HAS BEEN THE
OBJECT OF
POLITICS AND
SPECIAL
(POLLUTION)
INTERESTS.

“Worst waters in the nation.”

- 120k miles: ***Most polluted*** rivers and streams.
- 80%: ***Worst waterways*** for aquatic life.
- Over 95%: ***Highest percentage*** of polluted lakes.

Report by the Environmental Integrity Project,
released March 2022

[Article by A. Baumhardt, Oregon Capital Chronicle](#)



The Moral Case: Based on who we are as a community of Oregonians

1. Human Rights: “We hold these truths to be self-evident.
2. Life: Everyone needs clean air, water and a stable climate to live. A healthy environment is the foundation for other rights.
3. Community Rights: We don’t live for ourselves alone and we must advocate for those most impacted.

**THE STATE
GOVERNMENT HAS
THE AUTHORITY AND
DUTY TO PROTECT
THE ENVIRONMENT
FOR US**

But what does that mean when we call for a Constitutional Amendment?

1. The people have a fundamental right to a healthy environment
2. This Right includes and is not limited to clean water, clean air, and a stable climate to protect life, liberty and property.

The right is inherent; essential for health, safety. It is self-executing and enforceable in court.

ABOUT OCERA

Oregon Coalition for an Environmental Rights Amendment (OCERA) began in early 2024, where different groups and individuals with the same intention found each other and began to organize.





- [JOIN OCERA](#) as an individual
 - [Join an OCERA team](#)
- [Provide input as a stakeholder](#)
- [Join as an organization](#)
- Help SHARE THE CALL TO ACTION
- HELP BUILD THE COALITION
- Help with petitioning
- HELP WITH lobbying
- HELP HOST EVENTS
- HELP fundraise
- [DONATE](#)

WAYS ORGANIZATIONS (NONPROFITS AND BUSINESSES) CAN HELP

[Register
Organizational
Support](#)

- **Level 1 support – Endorsement**
 - Name, logo, statement of support
- **Level 2 support – Communications Support**
 - Routine updates to members / followers
- **Level 3 support – Operational Support**
 - Tangible support to (lobbying / petitioning) efforts, to include leading, organizing, hosting events, providing monetary / in-kind donations

CURRENT COALITION TALKING POINTS

1. Every person has a fundamental right to a healthy environment -- vital to our health, safety, and wellbeing.
2. This is an all-of-us issue, with special focus on frontline stakeholders who suffer the first and worst effects of polluted water, polluted air, and climate change.
3. Oregon, home of the “worst waters in the nation,” needs this constitutional amendment to clarify and legally enforce our priority needs.
4. This is about government accountability, justice, and fairness.
5. OCERA is a coalition of people and organizations from different regions of the state, coming from different backgrounds, with different politics and beliefs, united as family to effectively protect the shared interests of current and future generations in a healthy environment.

THANK YOU

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