

# I Support the People of Michigan Having a True and Enforceable Right to Pure Water, Clean Air, a Stable Climate and Healthy Environment

I am signing in support of a Michigan Green Amendment. As a citizen of Michigan I believe we the people have the right to clean water, air, and soil, a stable climate and healthy environment.

While our Michigan Constitution has a clause to protect our environment it has not served the people well. Its emphasis is on managing environmental hazards rather than protecting us from them. The constitution recognizes and protects many important human, civil and political rights – such as our rights to free speech, freedom of religion, property rights and due process – it does not recognize and protect the inalienable rights of all the people of Michigan to a clean and healthy environment.

Passage of a Michigan Green Amendment will elevate our environmental rights to be legally on par with the other human, civil and political rights which are protected from government infringement.

Standing up for our environment doesn't hurt jobs or industry, as those profiting from environmental devastation often contend. A healthy environment underlies many other social goods, including a strong economy.

I support adding this proposed Michigan Green Amendment into the Declaration Rights in the Michigan Constitution that will recognize:

- That all the people of Michigan have an inherent and inalienable right a clean and healthy environment, including clean water, air, and soils; balanced ecosystems; a stable climate; and to the preservation of the natural, cultural, recreational, and healthful qualities of the environment;
- That Michigan's government officials must be constitutionally bound to not infringe upon and to equitably respect and protect these environmental rights and our state's natural resources for the benefit of all people regardless of race, ethnicity, socioeconomics, geography, or generation;
- That the state, including each branch, agency, and political subdivision shall as trustee Michigan's natural resources (including, but not limited to, its waters, air, native flora and fauna, soils, climate), as the common property of all people, and shall conserve, protect, and maintain these resources for the benefit on all people;
- That these rights are self-executing.

Respectfully,

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