

# Support the passage of a New Jersey Green Amendment

Dear New Jersey Legislators,

**Despite** having a well-developed system of environmental laws that has provided important protections to our water, air and communities while at the same time **improving** public health, supporting good jobs and solid economic values, New Jersey communities across our state **continue to be unfairly** harmed by environmental degradation

**Given that we all depend upon clean water, clean air & a healthy environment** to support and sustain our healthy lives and our healthy economy, **it is right and appropriate that they should be protected with the same legal strength that we protect the other political, civil, property and human rights we hold dear.**

And so, we, the undersigned support the passage of SCR30/ACR80 which will Amend Article I of the New Jersey State Constitution by adding a new paragraph 24 to read as follows:

(a) Every person has a right to a clean and healthy environment, including pure water, clean air, and ecologically healthy habitats, and to the preservation of the natural, scenic, historic, and esthetic qualities of the environment. The State shall not infringe upon these rights, by action or inaction.

(b) The State's public natural resources, among them its waters, air, flora, fauna, climate, and public lands, are the common property of all the people, including both present and future generations. The State shall serve as trustee of these resources, and shall conserve and maintain them for the benefit of all people.

(c) This paragraph and the rights stated herein are (1) self-executing, and (2) shall be in addition to any rights conferred by the public trust doctrine or common law.

Sincerely,

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**ACR80/SCR30: bill to amend the state Constitution and enshrine every New Jerseyan's "right to a clean and healthy environment, including pure water, clean air, and ecologically healthy habitats," and to protect these rights for "both present and future generations."**

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