

Testimony in support of House Resolution No. 5732

**JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND PUBLISH AND SUBMIT TO THE
ELECTORS A PROPOSITION OF AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION – GREEN
AMENDMENT**

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My name is Christine Muller. I am a US citizen residing in Rhode Island since 1986 and have been serving on the board of RI Interfaith Power and Light. My testimony is for House Resolution 5732.

I think that the right to clean air, soil, a stable climate, and a healthy natural environment should be stated as a fundamental human right in the RI Constitution. This right is so essential and basic that at the time when the constitution was created, this was likely taken for granted and not considered for inclusion. Today's situation is very different. These rights are not respected. Climate change now poses an existential threat to humanity. This is a scientific fact, not an exaggeration. Air pollution is one of the leading causes of death in the world. Rhode Island faces serious health and economic threats from climate change, air pollution, and environmental degradation. It is easy for polluters to harm people's health and destroy the environment with impunity. Adding a Green Amendment to the constitution would help Rhode Islanders by giving them a legal resource to protect these most basic human rights.