

April 2, 2025

Dear Members of the Rhode Island Legislature,

I strongly believe the people of Rhode Island, including future generations, deserve a Green Amendment that will give constitutional protection to our inalienable, human rights to a clean, safe and healthy environment, including our water, air, climate, and ecosystems.

With a Rhode Island Green Amendment, we will support our legislators to pass laws that ensure and strengthen environmental protection. This amendment will provide a constitutional foundation to guide government actions in safeguarding our water, air, climate, and critical natural resources. In instances where existing legal protections may be insufficient, it will ensure that Rhode Islanders have a recognized constitutional right to advocate for necessary environmental safeguards and proactive government action.

The Rhode Island Green Amendment upholds the rights of all people in Rhode Island, including future generations to clean air and water, a clean and healthy environment, a life-supporting climate, and the preservations of the state's natural resources. It will provide an additional safeguard, ensuring that when existing laws are not sufficient, the citizens of our state will have a constitutional foundation to seek necessary action for the well-being of our communities and natural resources.

I implore you to support this bill and add the Green Amendment to our state constitution.

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House Resolution No. 5732

BY Bennett, Speakman, Cortvriend, Spears, Carson, Donovan, Cruz, Boylan, Phillips, Cotter

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND PUBLISH AND SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS A PROPOSITION OF AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION – GREEN AMENDMENT {LC1785/1} (Proposes a constitutional amendment to Article 1 providing for a right to clean air, soil, climate, and the environment's natural values.)