

ENVIRONMENTAL BILL OF RIGHTS

A Proposed Amendment to the United States National Framework

Preamble: *In order to ensure the enduring health of the Republic and the well-being of its citizens, it is hereby established that the protection of the natural environment is a fundamental duty of the State and an inherent right of the People.*

ARTICLE I: SUBSTANTIVE RIGHTS

1.1 Every citizen shall possess the right to clean air, pure water, and a stable climate system capable of supporting human life and dignity.

1.2 The State shall take all necessary measures to prevent the degradation of biodiversity and the exhaustion of non-renewable resources.

ARTICLE II: ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE

2.1 No community shall be disproportionately burdened by environmental hazards or pollutants based on race, income, or national origin.

2.2 The State shall prioritize the restoration of environments in historically marginalized areas.

ARTICLE III: ACCOUNTABILITY

3.1 Citizens shall have the legal standing to sue for the protection of the environment as a public trust.