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Request

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Mr. John Heritage
c/o Senator Gaylord Nelson
Old Senate Office Building - rm. 404
Washington, D.C.

Dear Senator Nelson:

Prior to April 22, we are circulating petitions in all the major universities in Boston, in community centers, and on the streets of Cambridge and Boston. The petitions will state that the undersigned support H.J. Resolution 54 and Senate Joint Resolution 169 and want committee hearings for them. On April 22 at about 3:00, many concerned members of the Boston-Cambridge community will march, with the petitions, to Government Center in the heart of Boston. Could you be at Government Center at about 5:30 to accept the petitions and speak to the marchers? So far, the support for the march has been overwhelming!

Yours truly,

Arthur Feinsod

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mental Teach-in - Harvard
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MARCH



FOR THE ENVIRONMENTAL BILL OF RIGHTS ON APRIL 22
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"Every person has the inalienable right to a decent environment.
The United States and every State shall guarantee this right."

Senate Joint Resolution 169

House Joint Resolution 54

A proposed amendment to the U.S. Constitution

Constitutional Amendment

"Perhaps the most intriguing proposal has been to amend the
Constitution with a new section guaranteeing each citizen the
protection of his environmental rights.

Such a provision of the Constitution would have been meaning-
less to those attending the Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia
200 years ago. Indeed, even ten or twenty years ago it would have
seemed quite unnecessary, although the handwriting was already on
the wall for those with the expertise to read it.

But today each of us has a fixed interest in all of our
remaining natural resources and this interest is as significant a
right as any guaranteed by our Constitution.

By declaring this as a matter of Constitutional principle
we are providing the most effective single protection within our
power. Any action which would impair the individual's interest in
such essentials as clean air or fresh water or any of the other
vital resources would be against expressed national policy and could
be challenged in court as an assault upon our basic right."

W.O. Kitzmiller

ANY QUESTIONS? CALL ARTHUR FEINSOD 491-2518

. . . we have an environment to save.