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Subject: SB 412: No Special Exceptions from Solid Waste Laws

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To whom it may concern:

I am appalled that exceptions to weaken the solid waste laws are being considered for the Port of Portland. Oregon, and Portland specifically, is an environmental leader to the rest of the country. I highly recommend that the following points be adhered to:

- Please vote no on SB 412.
- No special exceptions from environmental laws for the Port of Portland.
- DEQ must retain full oversight over solid waste disposal to protect our communities and our environment.
- DEQ must not automatically certify port dumping as “productive” since it renders the word “productive” meaningless and weakens DEQ oversight.
- Public agencies like the Port of Portland MUST follow environmental laws, not seek exceptions from them.
- SB 412 would allow ports to create new, permanent solid-waste dredge dumps outside of existing landfills that provide no beneficial value — exactly what the law was supposed to prevent.

Sincerely,
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