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**Senators:**

**As part of a group of concerned citizens working to close Riverbend Landfill, I am distressed to learn that a bill to allow further degradation of our land is under serious consideration. The landfill was unwisely sited at the bend of the South Yamhill River and leaches into it. It infringes on farms and threatens vineyard land. To remove the requirement for a reclamation plan for the land being mined and security to ensure the reclamation occurs would ensure that this blight is never properly addressed. The landfill's owner, Waste Management (WM) has frequently engaged in surface mining in the floodplain between the dump and the South Yamhill River. WM is presumed to use the soil from this area for daily and permanent cover on the landfill and for landfill construction work such as the perimeter berm. That the Department of Geology and Mineral Industries (DOGAMI) has been somewhat lax in enforcing requirements is no reason to reward WM with an exemption. Instead, DOGAMI should be given the resources to more effectively execute its mission.**

**I urge a vote of NO on SB 1036.**

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