

# Arlington Community Chamber of Commerce

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Joint Committee on Carbon Reduction  
Oregon State Legislature  
900 Court St. NE  
Salem, OR 97301

Dear Committee Chairs, Vice Chairs and Members:

I'm writing to you regarding proposed House Bill 2020.

Landfills are not popular with some people. Those of us in Arlington look at them differently. The Columbia Ridge Landfill operated by Waste Management is an economic lifeline to our community. The jobs are family-wage jobs. The average wage at the landfill is \$41,500. These jobs and employees breathe life into our economy.

Waste Management is also committed to the environment. They have gas capture systems at the landfill that create green renewable energy. Today, gas collected from the landfill produces 12.8 MW of electricity. That's enough to power 12,500 homes.

The people who work at the landfill live in our communities. They pay taxes, buy products and serve in community organizations.

As you consider the Cap and Trade legislation, please work with Waste Management to make it a fair bill.

Sincerely,



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