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On Behalf Of:

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Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3971

Good morning committee members, I am writing to strongly urge your support on HB 3971.

This bill will create a requirement for counties to approve land use applications for mixed waste facilities in the Willamette Valley as long as they conform with the requirements that land is owned by a local government entity, outside an urban growth boundary and in zoned appropriately. These are reasonable requirements. We are running out of landfill areas. We must create legislative action to allow facilities that manage recyclables and capture climate damaging methane to be built quickly with supportive land use laws.

This bill supports landfills throughout the Willamette Valley by extending their lifetime and creating opportunities for public/private projects that can increase overall waste diversion rates upwards to help them comply with the state-mandated 65% diversion target.

A requirement for counties to approve these facilities under the rules of this act will allow these important projects to move forward with the haste that is necessary.

I respectfully urge you to support HB 3971. Thank you for allowing your citizens to testify on these bills that will effect us all into the future.