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On Behalf Of:

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Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3971

Chair Bowman and Honorable Members of the House Committee on Rules.

I believe state and county government have a leading role in reducing atmosphere-damaging gas emissions from public landfills, and passing HB 3971 is an excellent opportunity for government to fulfill their role.

I live in Lane County where an innovative public-private recycling project called CleanLane is in the early stage of development. CleanLane will divert an estimated 80,000 tons of trash annually from the landfill which increases its lifespan by decades. It also increases Lane County's overall waste diversion rate, helping it meet the state-mandated 63% diversion target. Even more importantly, CleanLane will capture an estimated 90% of methane from organic waste before it enters the landfill.

This is the kind of project that HB 3971 will support. I urge you to pass HB 3971 out of committee do-pass.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

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