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**TO: Senate Energy and Environment Committee** 

RE: Support for House Bill 3220

Chair Sollman, Vice-chair Findley, Members of the Committee:

On behalf of my colleagues, Commissioners Kaety Jacobson and Casey Miller, I am writing to express our board's strong and unqualified support for HB 3220. This bill provides much-needed permanent fixes to Oregon's E-Cycles program. This program worked well for many years, but in 2021 producers projected they would over-collect the following year. This led them to drop several sites from the program, including two in Lincoln County.

Dahl Disposal serves customers in south and east Lincoln County. Both of those sites were slated for elimination. Had this happened, almost 58,000 pounds of e-waste would have gone into the garbage. The hard reality is that most people wouldn't be bothered driving their e-waste long distances out of the county for proper disposal. E-waste is the most rapidly growing part of the waste stream; this is not the time to be discouraging consumer recycling of broken and obsolete products.

HB3320 provides the fixes the program needs to assure it will serve all of Oregon for many years to come. The strong support the bill received in the house, with 56 votes of support, underscore the bipartisan support for this measure. Please send HB 3220 to the Senate floor with a do-pass recommendation.

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