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On Behalf Of:

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Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB726

I join Beyond Toxics and my Eugene community in asking you to support SB 726 for landfill method emissions monitoring. Please consider the following points.

1. Methane is a powerful greenhouse gas, with more than 80 times the warming potential of carbon dioxide! We need to significantly reduce methane emissions in order to slow climate warming trends in the short term.
2. Oregon's landfills contribute significantly to methane pollution and current monitoring practices leave large portions of landfill surfaces unmonitored! Without improved tracking methods, methane emissions can continue unchecked and unregulated.
3. SB 726 will ensure that all areas of landfills are monitored for methane leaks by implementing modern technologies like drones and stationary monitoring equipment. This will ultimately lead to better detection and mitigation of leaks, reducing overall emissions and strengthening Oregon's commitment to climate resilience!

Thank you for your support!