

I am a resident of Rickreall in Polk county, Oregon. Coffin Butte Landfill, which is located about 15 miles from my home, has been documented by the EPA emitting over the maximum limit of methane emissions in 41 places. These high levels of methane contribute to poor air quality in the area, as well as increase the likelihood of fire hazards because of the high levels. These hazards are very preventable with the monitoring that is suggested with SB 726.

Republic needs to be held accountable to protect our communities. We cannot rely on them to monitor emissions on their own accord, so we need to hold them accountable. This bill can help Oregon with taking more steps towards climate resilience, and is a way that we can help combat against climate change. Greenhouse gas emissions are heavily produced at landfills, and will continue to ruin our planet and our health if we do not take immediate action.

Thank you for addressing this issue, and looking out for the future of our communities.

I support Senate Bill 726 and a health and greener future for Oregon!