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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Energy and Environment

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB726

Dear Chair and Members of the Oregon Senate Committee on Energy and Environment,

My name is Joanna Nuccio-Stockslager and I'm writing in support of SB 726, which would help improve methane monitoring emissions at Oregon's landfills. As a former health educator with a masters in public health, I advocate for environmental health, and believe this bill is critical to ensuring we accurately track and reduce dangerous methane leaks that threaten both public health and our environment.

I recently learned that landfills are among the largest sources of methane emissions in Oregon. Currently, landfill operators are required to monitor methane emissions quarterly. However, many privately owned landfill surfaces are excluded from this requirement. This gap in monitoring means that methane leaks can go undetected in our state, leading to unchecked emissions that accelerate climate change, worsen air pollution, and harm people's respiratory health.

SB 726 can close this gap and ensure a healthier environment for Oregonians. By requiring the use of drones and modern technology to detect methane plumes across the state, we can help our state develop more comprehensive, efficient, and accurate emissions tracking systems across entire landfill sites.

Oregon had an opportunity to lead in climate smart policies that implement modern solutions that help reduce greenhouse gas emissions and promote healthier communities! I believe SB 726 is a very practical step toward a cleaner, more climate-resilient future! I urge you to pass this bill to ensure that Oregon landfill operators have what they need to properly ensure that methane emissions are properly monitored and mitigated

Thank you for your time and consideration.