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On Behalf Of:

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I am writing in support of SB 726, which takes important steps to reduce emissions. Reducing methane emissions supports the health and wellbeing of Oregonians by slowing warming, now and in the coming decades.

Methane is a powerful greenhouse gas, with more than 80 times the warming potential of carbon dioxide! Methane gas emissions are a prime climate driver. We need to significantly reduce methane emissions in order to slow climate warming trends in the short term.

Landfills are the third-largest source of human-caused methane pollution. 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.

SB 726 will ensure that all areas of landfills are monitored for methane leaks by implementing modern technologies like drone equipment and satellite imaging. This will ultimately lead to better detection and timely mitigation of leaks, reducing overall emissions and strengthening Oregon's commitment to climate resilience!

Sincerely,
Meredith Tufts