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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Energy and Environment

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB726

Dear Chair Sollman, Vice–Chair Brock Smith, and Members of the Senate Committee on Energy and Environment:

I write in strong support of SB 726 which will enable better and more effective capture of methane gas and reduce harmful emissions at landfills. I live in Salem where my garbage is now going to the Coffin Butte landfill which leaks an alarming amount of methane into the atmosphere, a powerful greenhouse gas that is the cause of the Climate Crisis. Landfills are the third largest source of human-generated methane, a super greenhouse gas approximately 80 times more potent than carbon dioxide in short-term climate warming. As a member of 350 Salem I am working hard with others in my community to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in every way possible. SB 726 will expand technology monitoring of landfills, facilitate methane leak repairs, and improve data sharing and efficiency at the DEQ. For these reasons I urge your support of SB 726.

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