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As a resident of Salem, I am deeply concerned about the Coffin Butte landfill, which is currently receiving our garbage and emitting a troubling amount of methane—a potent greenhouse gas contributing to the Climate Crisis. Methane is about 80 times more effective at trapping heat in the short term compared to carbon dioxide; this makes landfills the third-largest source of human-generated methane emissions.

SB 726 is a crucial piece of legislation that will enhance technology monitoring of landfills, facilitate the repair of methane leaks, and improve data sharing and efficiency at the DEQ. For these reasons, I strongly support SB 726 and urge your backing. This bill will significantly aid in capturing methane more effectively and reducing harmful emissions at landfills, which is vital for addressing the Climate Crisis.