



February 26, 2025

Senate Committee on Energy and Environment  
Oregon State Capitol  
900 Court St. NE  
Salem Oregon 97301

Re: Support for SB 726

Dear Chair Sollman, Vice-Chair Brock Smith, and Members of the Committee,

Climate Solutions is a regional non-profit working to accelerate clean energy solutions to the climate crisis.

**We support SB 726 to improve transparency and accountability and avoid methane pollution.**

Methane is an incredibly potent greenhouse gas with a significant impact on climate change. Over a 20-year period, it has a warming impact that is [80 times greater than CO2](#). That means that near term reductions in methane emissions can have a critical impact on our climate goals.

Landfills in Oregon account for a significant amount of methane emissions, making close monitoring of these facilities critical for preventing emissions. Thankfully, there have been [significant technological advancements](#) in our ability to monitor for methane leaks. These new technologies allow us to collect more and better data on leaks, and may be able to save cost and improve worker safety compared to current monitoring methods.

Oregon should take advantage of these technological advancements to better track and prevent methane emissions from landfills.

Sincerely,

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