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Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on HB3794, and thank you to Representative Finger-McDonald and Senator Gelser Blouin for bringing the situation of landfills in the Willamette Valley some much needed attention. As a constituent, I am thankful for your consideration of this important problem.

While the issue is in dire need of study and remedy, I echo some of the concerns about the composition of the task force and urge a thoughtful reconsideration of its members. It is of utmost importance that the focus be on reduction of waste and alternatives to traditional landfill disposal. Coffin Butte Landfill is causing much environmental damage - a good bit of it unknown and uncharacterized - and to allow it to continue to be filled with immense quantities of trash from all over Oregon is irresponsible. Future generations will pay immense quality of life and fiscal costs while those profiting will scoot off to cause similar problems elsewhere. We must stop this and the first step is to have input from appropriate entities - those who know the need to change current practices to methods that are sustainable for the long haul.

Thank you for your consideration,

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