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Representative John Lively
Chair, House Committee on Climate, Energy and Environment
Oregon Legislature

Subject: Testimony in Support of SB 1067

Chair Lively and Members of the House Committee on Climate, Energy and Environment:

Thank you for hearing testimony regarding SB 1067. As the former Mayor of Salem and former State Representative for House District 21, I have a deep understanding of the issues surrounding waste in Marion County. I offer my testimony in support of SB 1067 on my own behalf and representing no organization.

Passage of SB 1067 is important for several reasons.

1. This bill returns local control regarding disposition of waste to cities within Marion County. That control was removed by the legislature when the waste incinerator came online decades ago. The burner has closed, and it is well past time to return control of decisions over waste to the cities in Marion County, just like the majority of cities in Oregon already possess.
2. The bill is not a mandate. SB 1067 simply offers the *opportunity* for cities to control the waste generated in their cities. They can choose to maintain the status quo and change nothing.
3. Cities in Marion County are responsible to their residents for garbage rates, yet, for decades they have had no ability to negotiate the costs of disposing the waste because statute dictates that Marion County has that authority. SB 1067 returns the ability to negotiate to the people who set the rates: elected city officials.
4. Marion County officials will list a litany of horrors that will rain down upon us all if this bill passes. Please do not be persuaded. They have made millions off tipping fees (the amount paid to dump waste wherever they mandate) for decades that have funded a variety of non-waste related projects. This is a revenue source for Marion County that they do not want to lose.

Thank you for your consideration of this testimony. **I urge your support for SB 1067.**

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