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On Behalf Of:
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I strongly urge your support on HB 3971.

This bill will create a requirement for counties to approve land use applications for mixed waste facilities in the Willamette Valley as long as they conform with the requirements that land is owned by a local government entity, outside an urban growth boundary and in zoned appropriately.

As a resident of Lane County, I am looking forward to our Clean Lane project that will divert an estimated 80,000 tons of trash annually from our landfill. When our facility is built it will capture around 90% of methane from our organic waste before it enters the landfill.

We are running out of landfill areas. We must create legislative action to allow facilities that recycle and capture climate damaging methane to be built quickly with supportive land use laws. Facilitating the process to create these integrated materials and energy recovery facilities will help our landfills increase their diversion rates to comply with the state-mandated diversion target of 63%.

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