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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Rules

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3971

Chair Bowman and Honorable Members of the House Committee on Rules:

I strongly urge your support on HB 3971.

As a resident of Lane County, I am looking forward to the start-up of our CleanLane 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. This is the way of the future. 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.

HB 3971 is that legislative action. It 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.

Please support. HB 3971

Thank you for your work on this issue.