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On Behalf Of:
Committee: House Committee On Rules
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3971

Dear Chair Bowman, Vice-Chairs Drazan and Pham, and Members Boshart Davis, Elmer, Kropf and Valderrama,

My name is Gwynn Sawyer Ostrom and I live in Eugene, Oregon. I support the construction of the CleanLane Resource Recovery Facility and I urge you to also support its construction by passing HB 3971. While it may seem to be a minor issue, the passage of this bill is needed because the current zoning doesn't allow for such waste processing. CleanLane involves multiple waste diversion elements including recycling processing, which is already an allowed use. However, other waste diversion technologies such as anaerobic digestion fall into a grey area that this bill clarifies. I was delighted that our Lane County Commissioners approved the construction of this forward-thinking waste materials reduction and management facility and yet am disappointed that it may be delayed or scrapped due to a potential land use limitation.

The benefits of CleanLane extend far beyond environmental impact; they promise to foster economic growth, improve public health, and create a model for sustainable waste management that can be replicated in other communities.

I urge you support HB 3971 and help to create a greener future for all Oregonians.

Sincerely,
Gwynn Sawyer Ostrom
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